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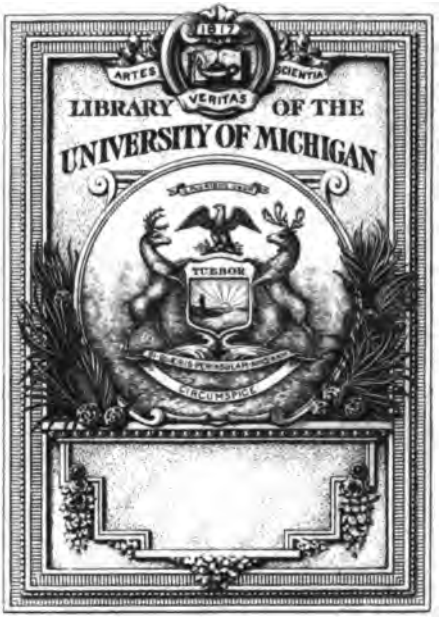

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[218] In Common Council, May 20, 1805,

Present, Dewitt Clinton Esquire Mayor,

Philip Brasher, Jacob Dela Montagnie, James Drake, Abraham King, Mangle Minthorne, James Fairlie,	Esquires Aldermen.	Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob Mott, Jacob Shute, Andrew Morris, Simon Van Antwerp, Samuel M Hopkins, George J Warner, Clarkson Crolius,	Assistants.

Henry Riker and Martin P Powles were appointed firemen to Company No 27 instead of Gerardus Riker and Cornelius Blackledge resigned Peter Devow was appointed a fireman to Company No 24, Stephen Egbert and John Tyson were appointed firemen to Company No: 8; instead of George Kayler deceased and James H Ward resigned; John Hall Currier was appointed a fireman of Company No. 7: instead of John Smith resigned; Luke Torboss was appointed a Fireman of Company No 20, instead of Peter H Wendover; William Seaman was [219] appointed a Fireman of Company No 11 instead of John Young resigned; and Gurdon Manwaring Seabury Tredwell, and John L Embree were appointed firemen of Company No 18, instead of Alsop Hunt, Sands Ferris, and Edmund Fanning resigned.

A Return, from Captain Lawrences Watch Company, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Bailey for the Office of Weighmaster, and of William Ellsworth for that of Inspector of wood, were referred to the Committee on Petitions for Offices.

A Petition of Matthew Vogle and others for leave to deposit manure on the vacant lots in the neighborhood of Corlaers hook was granted during the pleasure of Common Council and on condition that the same be removed whenever it becomes offensive.

A Petition of David Bayard and others that measures may be taken to prevent drunkenness in East George's Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the seventh ward.

Resolved, that the Mayor be requested twice in every month during the warm season to Order the Constables and Marshalls to go through the City and apprehend and bring before the Magistrates of

this City all vagrants they may find, in order that they may be dealt with according to Law

[220] Alderman Fairlie, Brasher, and Mr Warner, were appointed a Committee together with the Brigadier general of Artillery to carry into effect the resolution of this board made the 20 June 1803 relative to exchanging set of colours.

Ordered, that the Attorney of the board take measures to enforce the order directing Beach and Bussing to fill in their ground at the foot of Cortland Street.

Resolved, that a Watchman be placed at the foot of Cortland Street near Powles hook ferry, and that the Watch Committee take measures to carry the same into effect.

Mr Mott, Crolius and Shute were appointed a Committee to report such regulations as may be necessary in relation to riding timber

Messieurs Murray and Cunningham presented a bill to the Board of monies paid by them for Wood to replace the Wood lent by them to the Corporation last winter; Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee of Supplies.

Jonas Humbert was appointed Clerk of the Alms house.

Resolved, that the City Inspector cause an extract from the Law of the State relative to driving carriages to be published in such a manner as in his opinion will have the best effect.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances, numbered from 1732 to 1734, inclusive, Ordered that the same pass the board.

[221] Resolved, that James Hardie, be directed to furnish an abstract or table of contents of the Ordinances of the Common Council* in a State for publication by the next meeting of the Common Council.

The following report was received from the Ferry Committee,

The Ferry Committee to whom it was referred to report a state of facts relative to the Ferry house &c at the upper ferry at Brooklyn. Report, 1, That a lot of ground was conveyed by Joshua Sands to the Corporation near the upper Ferry for the use and accomodation of the same.

2, That in the Beginning of December last the said Lot was leased by the Comptroller to Henry Stanton Junr for seven years with the reservation of the lower front room in the house erected on the said Lot for the accomodation of the ferry, which the Committee

* Marginal note reads *Index to Ordinances.*—ED.

have examined, are of opinion, that it is not sufficient for the accomodation of the said ferry.

3, Joshua Sands is willing to convey to the Corporation in exchange for the said Lot one nigher the ferry stairs and containing more ground for the use and accomodation of the said Ferry, as will appear by a note from Mr Sands annexed The Committee recommend the said exchange

20 May, 1805. Jas. Fairlie Chairman

[222] Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

Mr Mott, Crolius, and Morris, } Were appointed a committee to devise and report a system for the more effectual execution of the ordinances against incumbering streets

The following report was received from the Market Committee

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacamiah Akerly and others praying the Corporation to Build a Fish Market at Catherine Slip are of opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that by driving about half a dozen piles in the Slip on the Easterly side thereof and by raising the Market about 18 inches from the present plates on the Slip and to be 30 feet on Water Street and 18 feet on the Slip, and would be no inconvenience to the Ferry, and by Standing so high from the Water, Market Boats could safely lay under the market and by having a stairs under one end of the market would be a great convenience to the Fishermen and Market Boats, and we are of opinion that the expence would not exceed 500 Dollars:

all which is submitted,

Jas: Drake, Jas: Fairlie } Committee

Ordered, that the same be confirmed

[223] Ordered that Doctor Van Solingen be permitted to put up his frame in the street under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the 3 Ward.

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner be directed to report the regulation of Harman Street by the next meeting.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner together with Assessments for regulating fourth Street between Pump and Grand Street, Hester Street, Norfolk Street between Division and Grand Streets and Essex Street

The Street Commissioner has the honor to present Four Assess-

ment lists for the confirmation of the Common Council, And for the appointment of persons to Collect the money therein mentioned.

Delays have frequently happened in Collecting money upon the assessments much to the injury of the persons who contract to do the Work. The Common Council may be convinced of this evil, if they revert to the numerous petitions last winter on this subject. The Street Commissioner to prevent in some measure this evil in future; begs leave to recommend that the Collectors to be appointed be limited as to the time they make their returns of delinquents, and these limitations ought to be no longer than One month after the period within which each contractor engages to complete the work [224] If the Collectors to be appointed for these assessments were limited to Three months from this day for Hester, and two months for the other three, it would come within the periods above mentioned

All which is respectfully submitted,

May 20, 1805 John S Hunn Street Commr

Ordered, that the said report and assessments be confirmed, and that Hugh Montgomery be appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported ordinances for repaving Chatham Street, and paving part of Harman Street opposite to the horse market and also for paving the East side of the Fly market Slip and for paving Magazine Street; Ordered that the same be passed, and that Elkanah Doolittle, Leonard Fisher, Moses Taylor, Samuel Nosworthy, and John P Anthony be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for paving part of Suffolk Street; Ordered; that the same pass, and that John Youle, Thomas Timpson, Whitehead Hicks, Benjamin Thurston and Benjamin North be appointed Assessors

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay,

Issd Warrts			
Nos 1418	Nicholas Lawrence—City Watch	.....	197^{99}/_{100}$
1419	Will Van Wart, Do	.....	$197^{99}/_{100}$
1420	Magnus Beekman Do	.....	$197^{99}/_{100}$
[225] 1421,	William Peterson Do	.....	$197^{99}/_{100}$
1422,	Hugh Gobel Do	.....	$148^{99}/_{100}$
1423,	Gad Dumbolton Do	.....	$122^{88}/_{100}$
1424,	Abraham Leggett, for blacksmith work	.....	$97^{80}/_{100}$
1425,	Cornelius Clopper, a years interest	.....	$62^{50}/_{100}$
1426,	Proprietor of Evening Post, for printing	.....	$37^{50}/_{100}$
1427,	Abraham Dally, ship Chandlery	.....	$33^{87}/_{100}$
1428,	Jacob Smith for fire engine	.....	600.
1429,	Richard Furman balance of Alms house Account	.....	$2634^{48}/_{100}$

Nos 1430, Thomas Hazard for constables and marshals convey vagrants to bridewell..... $100^{83}/_{100}$
1431, John H Sickles for building committee..... $4000.
1432, Jacob Dela Montagnie Esquire for Board of Health.... $200.

[226] In Common Council May 27. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Esquires Aldermen	Assistants
George Janeway	Andrew Morris
Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Abraham Bloodgood
James Fairlie	George J Warner
Abraham King	Joseph Board
Mangle Minthorne	Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake	Clarkson Crolius
Jacob Dela Montagnie	Jacob Mott
	Jacob Shute

The Treasurers monthly account was received and filed

A return from Captain Dumboltons Watch company was received and referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of John S Moore for the appointment of Weighmaster was received and referred to the Committee on petitions for offices

A petition of David Burgher Senior stating that he is unable to pay an assessment of $3 $^{9}/_{100}$ made upon a Lot of ground in John Street for the widening of Cliff Street Ordered that a Warrant issue upon the Treasurer for the payment of that sum

A petition of David Crone for liberty to sell household furniture in Chatham Street was referred to Alderman *[228] Janeway Dela Montagnie and Board.

Returns of Delinquents in the assessments for regulating Leonard and Chappel Streets, Brannon and Spring Streets and Vesey Street Slip were received Ordered that Warrants issue

Jonas Humbert presented his resignation as Clerk of the Alms house the same was accepted

Resolved that the sixth section of the Law for establishing the assize and regulating the Inspection of Bread be and the same is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following be substituted to wit.

Be it further ordained that this City shall be divided into two inspection Districts, that the first of the said districts shall include all such parts of the City as are Southward and westward of a line commencing at Roosevelt Street on the East river thence proceeding along the middle of said Street to Chatham Street. thence along the middle

* Clerk's error in numbering; no page 227.—Ed.

of said Street to Magazine Street. thence along the middle of said Street to Broadway. thence along the middle of said Street to Anthony Street, thence along the middle of said Street to Hudson Street thence along the middle of said Street to Jay Street. thence along the middle of Jay Street to the Hudson River And that the second district shall include all the remainder of the City beyond the aforesaid boundary

Upon receiving the petition of Gabriel Van Norden and others against the practice of blowing horns [229] at the ferries at the foot of Vesey Street. the following ordinance passed the board

A Law to prevent the practice therein mentioned

Be it ordained, etc, that it shall not hereafter be lawful for the ferryman or any other persons concerned or employed in any of the ferries at the foot of Vesey Street to blow or make a noise, with horns shells or other instruments under the penalty of five dollars to be recovered with costs of suit

A petition of Daniel Lawrence and others to equalize the business of Measurers of grain was referred to Mr Board. Bloodgood and Van Antwerp.

Dennis Doyle, grocer. Abraham Bell, merchant. Walter Titus Merchant. Thomas Harding grocer, and Stephen Latham grocer were appointed Firemen of the floating Engine Company

The attorney of the board reported that a complaint has been exhibited against John F. La forgue for erecting a building Contrary to the law Ordered that a suit be commenced against him unless the building is taken down in ten days.

Upon receiving the report of the Attorney of the board the following amendment was made to the fourth section of the Law to regulate the fees of Weighmasters and measurers.

"And if any person not holding an appointment under this Corporation shall exercise the office of Measurer to measure any article for himself or for any other person for any purpose whatsoever except for the immediate and sole use of such person so measuring and not for the purpose of sale thereafter such person shall forfeit and pay Ten Dollars for each offence, and in case of measuring Lumber such unauthorized person so measuring shall forfeit and pay the sum of Fifty Dollars for each Offence

[230] A petition of John R Livingston and others to regulate Division Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

The Committee appointed for the purpose of enquiring what measures ought to be adopted for the more effectual execution of the law respecting obstructions in the Streets of this City. reported that upon

account of the great extent of the City and the increasing duties of the Street Commissioner it is necessary that two suitable persons should be appointed Assistant Street Commissioners. Resolved that the Clerk be directed to draw an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

Ordered that the fourth section of the Ordinance concerning Dogs be repealed and that the Attorney of the Board be authorized to pay such part of the fines arising under such ordinance to persons affording information which may enable him to prosecute Offenders to conviction as he may think proper not to exceed one half thereof.

Upon receiving the report of the attorney of the board Ordered that Beach and Bussing be directed to make the ferry stairs at the foot of Vezey Street agreeably to the conditions of their grant in three weeks from this day.

John Quackenbos resigned his office as an Inspector of bread and Jonas Humbert was appointed in his stead

The following report was received to wit

John Hunn Esquire } Report about a Survey made 1 May 1805
Street Commissioner } to find out the proper North east corner of
Greenwich Street and Harison Street.

In order to ascertain this corner with [231] proper precision I went to Thomas Barrow, and examined the Trinity Church maps and the cession made by the Corporation to the Corporation of this City, and find Rhinelanders corner the South side of Harison Street. Harrison Street ceded to the Corporation of this City 65 feet wide. The block from Harison Street to Provoost Street 175 feet and then Provost Street 65 feet wide

I surveyed accordingly with a line and a 10 feet standard, beginning at the corner of R. Strongs house, measured 65 feet and find the corner or the fence of Mr Boards lot to be one foot in the Street or too far South. Measuring Mr Boards two lots 50 feet I find the foundation of Mr Dobbs house 5½ inches too far south and on Mr Boards lot. Measuring 125 feet more to the corner of Provoost Street I find the corner 6 inches in the Street. Measuring from the mark across the Street I find Provoost Street 65 feet wide and the whole corresponding with the map of the Trinity Church Corporation

Charles Loss.
Surveyor of the City

The Committee to whom it was referred to ascertain the north east corner of Greenwich and Harison Streets report that in their opinion by the return or survey hereunto annexed the same is ascertained.

The Committee request that the said return may be considered as their report they having approved of the same.

Jas Fairlie
George Janeway.

Ordered that the same be accepted and entered on the minutes.

Ordered that the Clerk and Street Commissioner report a state of Facts relative to the proceedings in relation to Roosevelt Street.

[232] Alderman Fairlie, Drake and Mr Warner } Were appointed a committee to report regulations respecting foot passengers.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner. to wit.

The Street Commissioner to whom it was referred to direct a survey to be made across the East River at Corlaers hook with a view of ascertaining the distance, situation, course of the tides and eddies and other circumstances in order to determine the place most proper for a permanent ferry has the honour to report

That he has examined the ground on both sides of the River and that Mr Loss and Mr Stilwell two of the City Surveyors have made a Survey the map or plan of which is herewith presented with a report of Mr Loss on the subject

That the distance from the foot of Grand Street to Morrells Landing is 3000 feet, while the distance from Bullock Street to Woodhulls is 3560 feet

That the course of the tides is also most favorable to the landing at Morrells. passages can be generally made with expedition and safety between those points, while on the other hand it very frequently happens from the nature of the wind and tides. that passages to and from Woodhulls will be much more tedious, and attended with considerable difficulty

The ground of Mr Woodhull on the Long Island *[234] shore is situated in a cove which from the best information the Street Commissioner can collect is generally obstructed by ice during the greatest part of the winter season. The land of Morrell on the contrary in addition to its being more directly opposite and more favorably situated with regard to the tides and eddies is placed upon a point which is generally free and open and from which passages can be made during all seasons of the year

It is only at favorable periods that Horse boats can pass between

* Clerk's error in numbering; no page 233.—Ed.

Woodhulls and Willetts landings, and near to Woodhulls on the opposite shore there is said to be a reef of rocks which occasions rough water whenever the wind is high. This reef is entirely out of the course to Morrells landing but cannot be avoided in a passage to Woodhulls.

From these circumstances the Street Commissioner believes that the foot of Grand Street would be the most convenient and eligible place for a public ferry. It is not only the widest street in that part of the City but it also receives the greatest number of intersecting Streets and affords the readiest communication with other parts of the town. A public bason is reserved at the foot of Grand Street in the East River, and in all probability whenever a Market is erected, it will be built at that place, and it appears probable to him from the reservation of a bason that it must have been the original intention of the Corporation to establish the ferry there.

All which is respectfully submitted

May 27. 1805 John S Hunn St Comr

Resolved that the report of the Street Commissioner [235] respecting the ferry at Corlaers hook together with the several applications on that subject be referred to a Select Committee and that such Committee be requested to examine the premises and to make report with all convenient speed

Mr Mott
Alderman Dela Montagnie
Minthorne
King
Mr Shute
Bloodgood
and Warner

} were appointed the said committee

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for regulating Arundel Street Ordered that the same do pass and that William Hunter, Benjamin North Thomas Timpson, John Youle and Whitehead Hicks be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for extending Front Street from Dover Street to James Slip Ordered that the same pass.

Upon receiving the Report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that Spring Street be made Sixty one feet wide from Brannon Street to Broadway and that six feet be taken from the Lots on the South side and five feet be taken from the Lots on the North side of the said Street for that purpose.

The Street Commissioner reported that it would be proper to pay to Mrs Laight in advance the value of property taken to continue Cherry Street Ordered that the same be rejected

[236] Ordered that the Committee of public repairs report the plan of a new ferry house at Brooklyn by the next meeting of the board

Ordered that the sum of $23 23/100 being the proportion of Elizabeth Baker in the Estate of her father Gardner Baker be paid to her upon her giving such security as the Comptroller shall approve

The Treasurers report concerning the estate of Colin Peacock was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The following report was received from the Comptroller to wit.

The Comptroller begs leave to state that he has agreeably to the order of the Board settled accounts with Mr John Thurman and paid him a balance of $650 39/100 and taken his receipt for the same

It is supposed to be necessary that the Board pass a resolution directing the Treasurer and Comptroller to charge the said Balance to account of the City of New York

The following resolution is therefore offered,

Resolved that the Treasurer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to charge the sum of $650 39/100 to account of the City of New York, being a balance of all accounts with John Thurman to 25 March last.

B. Romaine
Comptroller

27 May 1805

Ordered that the same be confirmed and the resolution therein recommended pass accordingly.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and suppression of Nuisances numbered from 1736 to 1737 inclusive, Ordered that the same do pass

Ordered that the Committee of repairs be directed [237] to build a machine for the purpose of driving Piles and also to cause boards containing the names of Streets to be put up

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts			
Nos	1433	John Hardie for services	$30.
	1434	Thomas Hazard for Salary including Keepers	437 50/100
	1435	Robert Sickles, lighting and cleaning City Lamps	300 50/100
	1436	Robert Sickels for Salary	33 33/100
	1437	Bartholomew Skaats for Salary and of assistants	119 29/100

[238] In Common Council. June 3. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Maturin Livingston Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Dela Montagnie		Abraham Bloodgood	
George Janeway		Jacob Shute	
Abraham King		Joseph Board	
Mangle Minthorne	Esquires	Andrew Morris	Assistants
James Fairlie	Aldermen	Jacob Mott	
William W Gilbert		Samuel M Hopkins	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior			
Philip Brasher			
James Drake			

A petition of the inhabitants of the upper part of the Bowery lane praying a Butchers stand to be established there was referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Robert Buchan and David Clark for remission of a penalty for incumbering the Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner and Attorney of the Board

A petition of Margaret Douglas that the pedestals of a Coffee house in Wall Street erecting by her may be permitted to stand was referred to Alderman Van Zandt, Janeway and Mr Morris with authority to grant permission for that purpose

[239] A petition of Walter Degraw for the office of wood Inspector was referred to the Committee on applications for offices

Robert Vandenbergh, Lewis Keeler, Smith Place Grocer, corner of Rivington and third Street. Peter Powell rope maker Rivington Street. Charles Fisher cartman Second Street. James Carstang Rope maker Orchard Street. Peter Westerfield Cooper Second Street. Isaiah Pittman Rope maker. third Street. Elijah Knapp Rope maker fourth Street. Cornelius Benscouten Rope maker Orchard Street. John Fisher Rope maker. third Street were appointed Firemen to Company No 30 and John Mansfield Grocer No 1 Magazine Street was appointed a Fireman to Company No 8 instead of Lewis Hartman resigned

An Ordinance for the appointment of Assistants to the Street Commissioner passed the board.

A valuation of the ferry boats belonging to the Brooklyn ferries were referred to the Comptroller

Petitions to pave Duane Street between Hudson and Staple Street, Orchard Street between Division and Hester Street, and Henry Street were referred to the Street Commissioner

Petitions of Josiah Shippey and Lewis Langstaff to be Clerk of the Alms house were received. Ordered that the appointment of Clerk of the Alms house be the order of the day of the next meeting

[240] A report was received from the Street Commissioner relative to improving Chamber and Cross Streets Ordered that so much of the report as relates to improvements be referred to Alderman Brasher Mr Crolius and Mr Hopkins and that the Street Commissioner be directed to have a Survey made of the ground

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances to regulate Stanton, Arundel and Orchard Streets. Ordered that the same pass the board and that William Hunter Benjamin North. John Youle. Thomas Timpson and Whitehead Hicks be appointed assessors

A report of the Committee in relation to a Bason and Market at the foot of Duane Street was received Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed and that the Committee report their opinion when it will be proper to erect the same

Resolved that the Lamp Committee cause Lamps that will afford conspicuous light to be placed in the following places to wit On the point of the Battery, near the Fly market ferry Stears, At Catharine Slip. At Powles hook ferry Stairs at the end of the dock and at the Hoboken ferry Stairs.

Resolved that the lamp committee be directed to make an experiment on a small scale in order to determine the œconomy and convenience of reflecting Lamps and to report in convenient time the result thereof and also their opinion as to the expedience of introducing the same in general use.

The Counsel of the board presented a report in relation to the estate of Colin Peacock, and it appearing that the [241] powers of Attorney and documents with respect to two thirds of the said Estate appear to be sufficient Ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller to take proper Security and report thereon to the Board And that upon such Security being given a Warrant issue to pay the monies to the claimants

A petition of Anthony Brown late Collector of the sixth ward praying that his property may not be sold for the payment of arrearages was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Comptroller

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 1738 to 1746 inclusive, Ordered that the same do pass

The Committee to whom it was referred to report upon the expediency of building a new ferry house at Brooklyn and the probable expence thereof Reported upon the subject Ordered that Such Report be confirmed and that such building be erected under the direction and superintendance of the Committee of repairs.

Ordered that the petition and papers of Charles Smith relative to the settlement of his Accounts as Lessee of the public wharves and slips be referred to the Comptroller.

An ordinance for the establishment and regulation of Hackney Coaches was reported to the board Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed

The Recorder, Alderman Drake and Mr Hopkins } Were appointed a Committee to enquire into the propriety of [242] passing a Law to regulate pawn brokers

Alderman Gilbert, Van Zandt and Mr Board } were appointed a committee to report upon the propriety of establishing Terms and regulations respecting the erection of vaults in the Streets.

Ordered that Alderman Van Zandt be permitted to erect a vault in Wall Street. The Recorder in Street, Alderman Gilbert in Dey Street, and Mr Edgar and James Arden in front of houses they are erecting. Under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts. to wit.

Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch		$197 96/100
William Van Wart	Do	197 96/100
Magnus Beekman	do	197 96/100
William Peterson	do	197 96/100
Hugh Gobel	do	148 96/100
Gad Dumbolton	do	148 96/100
Beekman M Van Beuren, working public roads		220 79/100
John Quackenbos Salary as Inspector of Bread		309 58/100
James Carter for groceries furnished the Alms house		56 85/100
James Hardie for Services		62 80/100
Abraham Stagg for articles furnished Alms house		169 58/100
Philip J Arcularius in advance for support of the Alms house		3000.

[243] In Common Council. June 17. 1805

Present Maturin Livingston Esquire. Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris	Assistants
Philip Brasher		George J Warner	
James Fairlie		Samuel M Hopkins	
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
Jacob De la Montagnie		Simon Van Antwerp	
Abraham King		Clarkson Crolius	
William W Gilbert		Jacob Shute	
George Janeway		Jacob Mott	
Mangle Minthorne			

Enos Alley Shoemaker and Latham Stratton were appointed Firemen to Company N° 5

Joseph Brotherton resigned his appointment as Assistant to Captain Petersons company of Watch. Several petitions for that appointment were received and referred to the Watch Committee

Returns of Delinquents in the following assessments for regulating Elizabeth Street from Bayard Street to Hester Street. Elizabeth Street from [244] Grand Street to Prince Street. Water Street from the point of Corlaers hook to the West of Gouverneurs Street. Mott Street from Bayard Street to Hester Street, and Division Street to the centre of Clinton Street were received and Warrants ordered to issue

Whereas the public pump Situate in liberty Street near Greenwich Street is represented by the Superintendant of repairs as totally irreparable owing to the quick sand that constantly flows into the well Resolved that the said Superintendant be authorized to construct a new well at the public expence in some other convenient adjacent place under the inspection of the Alderman and assistant of the ward.

A Pump in Grand Street was ordered to be made on the usual terms under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

Petitions to pave Leonard Street between Broad way and Church Street and Sixth Street between Division Street and Grand were referred to the Street Commissioner.

Abraham Van Gelder Collector of the Assessment for regulating Grand Street from Pitt Street to Goerck Street reported that he had not been able to collect any part thereof and requested that another Collector be appointed in his stead John Bussing was appointed to collect the same

A presentment of the Grand Jury against the Bakers of this City for baking bread of bad and unwholesome flour was laid before the

board Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman King. Mr Warner and Mr Morris.

A return from Captain Dumboltons company was [245] received and referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of Anthony Dey for a water grant opposite to South Street was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A petition of the proprietors and inhabitants of ground in the vicinity of Abingdon Road that the same be regulated was referred to the Street Commissioner

Resolved that the City Treasurer do at each meeting of this Board lay before the same a Statement of monies received and paid during the week preceding and of the balance actually in hand.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner lay before the board a plan for opening Beekman Street in continuation to Water Street. and for opening and improving Maiden Lane from Nassau Street to Broadway

Josiah Shippey junior was appointed Clerk of the Alms house

Herman Le Roy was permitted to erect a vault at the corner of Broadway and chamber Street, and Abraham Bloodgood in Varick and Laight Streets under the direction of the Street Commissioner

An account of William Furman as Superintendant of the ferry was referred to Alderman De la Montagnie. Brasher and the Comptroller

A report of the Street Commissioner relative [246] to the land of Mr Kennedy in Broadway was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the first ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Benjamin Vredenburgh for a water grant at Harlaem was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9 ward and the Comptroller

James Savage was appointed Inspector of Wood at Georges and Charlotte Slip

A return was received of the delinquents in the Assessment for regulating Church Street. Ordered that a Warrant issue

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered 1747 ordered that the same pass

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Measurers of grain praying a regulation of their business so as to produce an equality therein having reported upon the Subject and Several Counterpetitions having been received the said report was recommitted. Alderman Gilbert and Mr Warner added to the Committee and the several petitions referred to the Committee

The petition of C Thomson and others for liberty to sell goods at

the places therein mentioned was referred to Alderman Janeway. De la Montagnie and Mr Board.

Mr Hopkins moved the following resolution to wit Resolved that all future meetings of this Board be held with open doors and called a division thereupon

[247] The said Resolution was carried as follows to wit,

	Affirmative		
Alderman	Van Zandt	Mr	Morris
	King		Hopkins
	Gilbert		Bloodgood
	Janeway		Van Antwerp
	Minthorne		Crolius
	Negative		
Alderman	Brasher	Mr	Warner
	Fairlie		Shute
	Drake		Mott
	De la Montagnie		

Mr Hopkins moved the following resolution to wit Resolved that the future meetings of this Board be held in some large and convenient room sufficient to accommodate such Citizens as may choose to attend to hear the proceedings and called a division thereupon the same was negatived as follows to wit

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Van Zandt	Alderman	Brasher
	Drake		Fairlie
	Minthorne		Dela Montagnie
Mr	Morris		King
	Hopkins.		Gilbert
[248]	Van Antwerp		Janeway
	Crolius	Mr	Warner
			Bloodgood
			Shute
			Mott.

Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee on the ferry at Corlaers hook inform the parties interested in the same when they are ready to report

Resolved that the parties on the above business be informed that they have permission to be heard by Counsel or in person on the same.

A petition of William Cutting for a water grant at the North River was referred to the Comptroller

Resolved that permission is hereby given to Mr Keef under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the first ward to erect a temporary shed around the flag staff on the Battery and an awning

above the Stone work Surrounding the same to be continued during the pleasure of the Common Council

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that Edward Mariner be appointed a Watchman and Peter Letson, Peter Debaun, James Frost, Abraham Odle and Abraham Debaun Substitutes of Captain Dumboltons Company

[249] Petitions to regulate Bedlow Street. to improve the Roads at Harlaem and to improve the upper part of the Broadway were referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Thomas Williams to be allowed a Salary as driver of the hearse was referred to the Board of health

Thomas Foote was permitted to erect a vault in Washington Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Ordered that the Committee on improvements at the Battery together with the Street Commissioner, and Comptroller be directed to report a proper System to be adopted in relation to water grants

Ordered that the Assessment for ground taken for the purpose of improving Roosevelt Street be referred to the Alderman and assistant of the fifth ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of Benjamin Vredenburgh for a grant at Harlaem and the report of the Committee thereon were referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the situation of the buildings belonging to Thomas Post and others that were partly destroyed by the fire between Peck and New Slips and report to the Board whether they have not infringed the Law of this State in the repairing of the said Buildings.

[250] Alderman Drake
Mr Bloodgood
and Mr Crolius
} Were appointed the said Committee

A petition of Richard Dark for permission to sell meat was referred to the Market Committee

The Recorder
Alderman Dela Montagnie
Janeway
Fairlie
and Mr Warner
} Were appointed a Committee of arrangements for the celebration of the 4 July. and directed to report a permanent system for the celebration of that day

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that permission be given to William Kline to sell Meat in the Bowery Lane at such place as the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward shall direct on payment of the usual market fees.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts to wit

Hugh Gobel for notifying the Aldermen		$3.
Patrick Cannon for carting earth to Vesey Street		41 99/100
Benjamin Romaine for two lost fire buckets		4.
David Longworth for City Maps		188 5/100
Cornelius Warner Superintendant of repairs.		
Benjamin Romaine for public repairs.		
Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch		197 99/100
William Van Wart	Do	197 99/100
Magnus Beekman	do	197 99/100
William Peterson	do	197 99/100
Hugh Gobel	do	148 99/100
Gad Dumbolton	do	148 99/100
Jacob Mott and Son, sundries furnished Alms house		195 89/100
Samuel B Waldron for working public roads		706 47/100
James Hardie for making indexes		80.
John H Sickels for building Committee		2000.

[251] In Common Council. June 24. 1805

Present. De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris
William W Gilbert		Jacob Shute
Jacob De la Montagnie		Simon Van Antwerp
Philip Brasher		Abraham Bloodgood
James Fairlie	Esquires Aldermen	George J Warner — Assistants.
Abraham King		Samuel M Hopkins
Mangle Minthorne		Jacob Mott
George Janeway		Joseph Board
James Drake		Clarkson Crolius

Proposals from Linus and Henry Parmele to build mud machines were referred to the Board of Health.

Abraham Van Gelders return of delinquent proprietors in the assessment of Walnut Street. Petitions for a well in Hudson Street. to pave Pump Street from Second to Division Street and complaints of nuisances near Laight Street and Hudson Square, also the upper part of Broadway were referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Walter W Heyer for the office of Wood Inspector was referred to the Committee on petitions for offices

[252] Resolved that the Comptroller and Street Commissioner be directed to examine the situation of the White hall Slip and report their opinion at the next meeting of the Board. what would be necessary for the accommodation of the boats that frequent the said Slip,

and in order to obtain from the Staten Island and Elizabeth town ferry boats a yearly revenue

The Street Commissioner and Attorney of the board to whom was referred the petition of Buchan and Clark praying the remission of a fine for incumbering the Streets reported against the prayer of the said petition Ordered that the said report be confirmed and the prayer rejected.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Robert Kennedy reported that it would be proper to release to him the ground he has now in possession and convey to him the residue to Washington Street as it now is, in fee simple for fifteen hundred Dollars Ordered that the said report be confirmed

A petition of Andrew Hageman and others against equalizing the business of Measurers was referred to the Committee on that Subject.

The following report was received to wit. The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom the Communication of John Lawrence was referred with directions to treat with him if they thought proper for a gore of Land belonging to the Corporation on Elm Street and corner of Leonard Street have the honor to report

That they have had several conferences with Mr Lawrence and Mr King upon the subject, but could come to no decision relative to a sale.

That your Committee are of opinion it would not comport with the interest of the Corporation to sell this ground at this time as Elm Street will by being widened become a much more valuable Street. than it could have been before that alteration.

[253] Your Committee therefore proposed to Mr Lawrence to have one hundred feet from Elm Street towards Broadway. divided into lots, and to leave it to the opinion of two disinterested persons to decide what portion of these lots each should have upon the same principle the board are now negociating with Messieurs Jay. Munro and Morris.

Your Committee further proposed that the ground on Mr Lawrances lots which will be unnecessary should at the Corporation expence be applied to filling up Elm Street and that part of the Corporation property which is below the intended regulation and that the residue of the earth should be carted away by the Corporation as their property.

The Committee have to inform that Messieurs Laurance and King have agreed to this plan of settlement and will appoint one referee on their part to unite with another to be appointed by the

Common Council. provided the negociation with Messieurs Jay Munro and Company is carried through as has been represented

Your Committee therefore recommend that a person be appointed as aforesaid by the Common Council and have caused a map to be drawn shewing the situation of the property which is with this report respectfully submitted.

June 24. 1805 John S Hunn St Comr
Bj. Romaine

Ordered that the same be confirmed and William Denning appointed a Referee on the part of the board.

[254] Peter Allane and Robert Robertson were permitted to erect vaults in John Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob Brower was permitted to erect a Lime house in Beaver Street under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward.

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances to pave Orchard Street to Grand Street. Henry Street from Fayette to Grand Street. Leonard Street from Broadway to Church Street. Duane Street east of Greenwich Street. Washington Street. to repave Ann Street from Nassau Street to Broadway, and Broadway opposite the park. Ordered that the same pass the board.

Abraham Bokee Collector of the Assessment for the ground taken to regulate Cliff Street. presented a report of delinquent proprietors. Ordered that upon his taking the necessary affidavit of demanding payment that a Warrant issue.

Resolved that in all cases when assessments are made for the repairing any pavement or the repaving of any Street the pavement of which has been injured by the Manhattan Water Works that a proportion of the money received by this board from the said Company on account of damages to the pavements be allowed to the persons on whom the assessment shall be laid. And that the Comptroller and Street Commissioner prepare and lay before the board an estimate for the purpose aforesaid and the like allowance be made in like cases where the assessment has already been collected.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner receive the monies from the different Collectors of Assessments and that he open distinct accounts with them and likewise with the Contractors for regulating Streets and that he pay to the Contractors such sums of money from time to time [255] as he may deem reasonable and in proportion to the work performed

Assessments were received for the drain in Beaver Street and

Broad Street and for repaving Beaver Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a report for improving and extending the upper part of the Bowery road Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Van Zandt. Gilbert and Drake.

Richard Nixon was appointed assistant to Captain Petersons Watch Company

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that Daniel Gannon and Abraham Verbryck be reinstated as Watchmen of Captain Dumboltons Company

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 1748 to 1755 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the City Inspector be directed to procure proper furniture for the Office of the board of health

The following report was received from the Comptroller to wit.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the Several papers relating to the claims of Charles Smith Respectfully reports

That the claims of Mr Smith for an abatement of dock hire are founded upon his being deprived of the piers at Fly market. Coffee house, and Old [256] Slips. also Remsen and Rikers wharf at Burling Slip and at Charlotte Slip by Isaac Clason

Mr Smith makes the amount of damages $3501 this claim was presented to the Corporation 28 June 1804 two reports of the former Comptroller have been presented in relation to them and no decision had.

Mr Smith hired the public slips and wharves 1 May 1802 for two years for $33.000 and he has since hired them for two years for $30.000. the Corporation having leased the public wharves and Slips for $3000 less the present term (it is believed) in consequence of Mr Smiths being now deprived of the benefit arising from those piers by a decision of the Supreme Court.

It appears that in the first report of the former Comptroller which it may be proper now to read an attempt is made to make a calculation of the probable damages sustained by Mr Smith. It is therein stated that the sum of $2361 would be the most that Mr Smith in all probability could have lost by being deprived of these piers slips and wharves

Every information has been diligently sought on this subject in order to render equal justice. It is therefore believed that if the sum

of $2000 be allowed to Mr Smith for the privations he has sustained, it will be a full compensation

A considerable sum of money is withheld by Mr Smith in consequence of the board not coming to a decision on his claims. It is therefore recommended that the sum of $2000 be allowed him. provided he pay without delay the balance now due to the Corporation into the City Treasury. All which is respectfully submitted.

June 17. 1805 Bj. Romaine

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a deduction of $2000 be made to Mr Smith, upon his immediately paying the balance into the Treasury

[257] The following reports were received. to wit.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth ward to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Vredenburgh

Report. that there is no dock near the village of Harlaem, and as it would be a public convenience to the inhabitants we therefore recommend that the petitioner have a grant for 21 years subject to such rent as the Common Council may think proper

New York June 15. 1805 Abraham King
Jacob Shute

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom was referred a reconsideration of the above report beg leave to state that they have viewed the situation above mentioned, and recommend that Benjamin Vredenburgh have permission to erect a wharf from high to low water mark fronting to his Land at Harlaem at a point of rocks to the South ward of his house and that he build the same fifty feet in breadth along the River at right angles with the main road running to the River through Harlaem town. That the same be granted subject to the future regulations of the Corporation. when other wharves and Slips shall be laid out to be erected at Harlaem. That for the present Mr Vredenburgh pay the Yearly rent of fifteen Dollars commencing [258] from May 1. 1806. That the said rent of $15 per annum be not raised during the term of 21 years unless some permanent regulation shall be made generally respecting docks and Slips at Harlaem

All which is respectfully submitted
John S Hunn St Comr
Bj. Romaine

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that Mr Vredenburgh have liberty to erect a wharf agreeably to the terms thereby recommended.

Resolved that the Road masters be authorized without delay. to call upon the late Road masters who may have any part of the tools belonging to the Corporation in their possession and to receive the same in behalf of the Common Council

Resolved that the Lamp Committee cause a Lamp or Lamps to be placed at the Dock at Brooklyn near the ferry stairs similar to those heretofore ordered at the other ferries in this City. And that the Comptroller take measures to have the same lighted.

Resolved that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts Nos			
	1471	Benjamin Romaine for earth to be carted into Collect..	$1000.
	1472	John H Sickles for Building Committee.....	2000.
	1473	James Cheetham printing for Street Commissioner....	100.
	1474	Thomas Boyle for repaving Broadway.....	100.
	1475	Charles Loss for Surveying.....	50.
	1476	Samuel Stilwell for Surveying.....	58 83/100
	1477	John Hardy for Services.....	30.

[259] In Common Council, July 1st 1805

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Mangle Minthorne George Janeway Jacob De la Montagnie Abraham King James Fairlie James Drake William W Gilbert Wynant Van Zandt Junior Philip Brasher	Esquires. Aldermen.	Jacob Shute Simon Van Antwerp Jacob Mott Abraham Bloodgood Andrew Morris George J Warner Clarkson Crolius Joseph Board

Assistants.

A Petition of James Baker for his proportion of the Estate of his father Gardner Baker deceased was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of George Lewis that a debt due to his Brother James Lewis deceased be paid out of the Estate of Thomas Smith in the City Treasury as far as the same will extend was referred to the City Treassury.

The Memorial of the Trustees of New York Dispensary praying liberty to Erect Wings to the [260] House used as a Kine pox institution and for a donation for that purpose was received and referred to Alderman Drake. Mr Bloodgood and Mr Shute who reported in favor thereof—Ordered that the said Petition be granted and that the sum of $200 be given to enable the Trustees to carry the same into effect

The Petition of Arthur Smith and others that the paving a part of Greenwich Street may be deferred was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Petitions of Eliakim Ford and others against paying the monies assessed to them for regulating New Slip. to regulate Delancey and Lewis Streets. for a bulkhead at Cortland Street were referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Baker for a Water grant between Water and Front Streets was referred to the Comptroller

Petitions of Thomas Stagg and others to regulate the foot of Dover Street—of Robert Lylburn relative to his grant in the Commons—and of Edward W Laight and others for the payment of Monies due to them for the assessment of property taken to regulate and continue Cherry Street were referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

Lawrence Moore. House Carpenter Church Street and Jacob Blank Cartman. Elm Street were appointed Firemen to Company N° 23. and Ephraim Marsh Rector Street. Stone Cutter. was appointed a fireman [261] of Company N° 24 in the place of Charles Tunder resigned

A Petition of Garret B Abeel and others against taking Manure from the New Slip was referred to the Board of Health

A Petition for a Pump in North Moore Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward

A return from Captain Gobel of the Officers who attended to apprehend Vagrants and disorderly persons on the 23 June, and of persons offending against the police Laws was reffered to the Attorney of the board.

A return from Captain Gobels Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee.

The following report was received from the market Committee

The Market Committee Report. I That the ground on which Hudson market now stands is too valuable to be appropriated for a market, and is situated in a Street too important for the purpose.

II That the said Market is in a state of Decay will be useless in two or three Years. it being built upon a construction that is inconvenient to the public not productive of such a revenue as a new one upon an approved plan will undoubtedly be

III That the Corporation Slip is at present a Nuisance. it being so Shallow, that a considerable part [262] of the bottom lays bare at Low Water which renders it dangerous to the health of the Citizens in

that part of the City that the dock around it is rotten and has part of it already given way. The Committee therefore, are of opinion it will be for the public advantage to run a New bulkhead across the Slip in the manner laid down in a map now presented drawn by Mr Mangin, and proceed to fill up the same, and to Erect a substantial and commodious market, on the ground to be filled up, to be built of Brick &c

George Janeway
Jas Drake
Jas Fairlie
} Market Committee

Ordered that the same be Confirmed

The following report was received from the Committee to whom was referred the applications respecting a new ferry at Corlaers hook.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner and also the several papers in relation to the application for a New ferry at Corlaers Hook.

Respectfully Report.

That your Committee have examined the subject referred to them with considerable attention a Majority of them have viewed the situation of the land on both sides of the River, and all the subscribers have also heard the several parties for, and against the application.

Upon a subject of so much importance as well [263] to the public interest. as to the individuals concerned.

Your Committee did not form an opinion without a proper degree of caution and deliberation. in presenting their report they have considered it their duty to assign the reasons and the principles by which their decision has been ground.

In the first place ferries are establishments of the greatest public importance. And in creating them the convenience, safety and accommodation of the Community are the principal objects to be attained the Charter of this City having invested the Common Council with the right of forming those establishments at their discretion. Your Committee considers that right in the nature of a trust which they are bound to exercise in such a manner as shall best promote the convenience and benefit of the public.

Your Committee believe it perfectly immaterial and totally foreign to the principles which should govern the decision of this board, to enquire whose property is benefitted. or is not benefitted by those institutions. such enquiry might lead to favoritism and partiality, but never could advance the general interest. As representatives of this City. it appeared to your Committee that the public is entitled to ex-

pect that the board will invariably adopt such measures as are calculated to benefit its constituents in general.

Two questions therefore presented themselves to the Committee. First whether the place proposed by the petitioners is in reality the best? and Secondly whether if that should be the Case any circumstances [264] did exist which should induce the Board to reject the better place?

Upon the first of these heads your Committee entertained no doubt, for Independent of the examinations which had formerly taken place the spot had been recently viewed by the Street Commissioner and by two of the City Surveyors. the result of their investigation was such as to convince them that the natural advantages of the situation proposed by the petitioners afford it a manifest superiority and of course entitled it to the preference of the board.

Upon examining the report of the Street Commissioner your Committee found it to be correct and they are decidedly of opinion that from the foot of Grand Street to Morrills point is not only the best place for a public ferry. but that it would be unwarrantably hazarding the interests of the public to permit the present opportunity of securing it to pass by.

In Stating to the board, the most important particulars in which the situation of the present petitioners is entitled to a preference, we shall only enumerate the following.

I The Landings between Willetts and Woodhulls are not nearly opposite to each other. while those between Cannons and Morrells are sufficiently so. the difference in distance is also very great. being more than one sixth part of a passage across the River.

II The ferry at Woodhulls is situated in a Cove which during the winter season is generally obstructed with ice. It appeared to your Committee by very satisfactory evidence that during Seven Weeks of the last season the [265] landing at Woodhulls was entirely useless and the boats were frequently drawn by horses to Morrills point [which] is generally accessible and notwithstanding the severity of the last season boats could ply between thence and Cannons every day. It was indeed contended before the Committee on the part of Mr Willett that as the last season was uncommonly rigorous no conclusion should be drawn from thence they cannot however but view it as affording a very strong reason in favour of Morrills landing for as that was accessible during a Winter so unusually severe it may reasonably be inferred that it will generally remain so—and again it is well known that even ordinary winters produce a considerable quantity of ice and

though the Channel of the River may remain unobstructed yet the Creeks and Coves are usually filled.

III. The favorable position of Cannon and Morrills Landings. in relation to the situation, course and direction of the tides and eddies affords another ground of superiority, equal to those which have already been mentioned. the course of the flood proceeds from the point of Corlaers hook to Morrills and from thence in an opposite direction it strikes the Brandemula shore. with the flood tide when the wind is up the river to effect a passage from Woodhulls to Willetts would always be difficult and with a horse boat most frequently impracticable for the tide points along the opposite shore are so strong and rapid as to render it very nearly impossible to pass them with a large boat, and unless they are passed so as to admit of putting [266] across near Morrells the boat will not reach nearer than Brandemula many other cases of difficulty might be mentioned. but the Committee content themselves with observing that in general passages can be made with much more certainty. safety. comfort. and expedition between Cannons and Morrells *that* [than] at the present place

IV. The foot of Grand Street on this side appears to your Committee the best, and most eligible spot for the establishment of a ferry. because it is by far the widest Street in that part of the City, because it communicates with the greatest number of intersecting Streets because a public bason of seventy feet is there reserved. and because the Market to supply that portion of the City will in all probability be established there, and it appears obvious to your Committee that the Market and the ferry should be United and communicate at the same landing

V. It appears to your Committee that in general the present ferry is alone adapted to the Summer Season and to mild and clement weather. It is only at favorable periods and with suitable tides that large boats. capable of transporting horses and Carriages can be made to ply. but that between Cannons and Morrills a passage can be generally effected at all periods.

In addition to the aforegoing reasons the Committee might mention several others also entitled to considerable weight. near woodhulls Wharf on the opposite side there is situated a reef of considerable extent which is said to occasion rough Water and to be considerably dangerous whenever the Wind is high [267] this reef which cannot be avoided in a passage from Woodhulls to Willetts. is entirely out of the Course from Cannons to Morrills. Upon the whole the result of the investigation exercised by your Committee has been to convince

them that the present ferry is established at an improper and inconvenient place that it is not calculated for permanent duration and that the place proposed by the Petitioners is far the most suitable for a valuable and durable establishment.

With regard to the second point whether any circumstances existed which unfortunately committed the board to select the worst place and to refuse the best for a permanent establishment? Your Committee have also endeavoured to consider that question with all the attention it deserves. they submit to the board the opinion they have matured together with the facts and the reasonings which have led to its formation.

It appears from an examination of the Minutes that some time in 1802 a petition having been presented to the board for the establishment of a ferry from the Ground of Mr Willett. to that then owned by Samuel Titus. that on the 29 November following the Committee reported that such an establishment would be usefull. shortly afterwards the board proceeded to consider such report and agreed to establish a ferry at that place to commence at a future period.

on the 14 February 1804 and before any Grant was made or ordered to be made to Mr Willett Thomas Morrell presented a petition for a ferry. [268] this petition was ordered to lie upon the table. and no Notice was afterwards taken of it on the 27. February upon receiving the Report of the then Comptroller, a lease was directed to be made to Mr Willett for six Years without rent upon condition of his making the necessary Wharves and ferry Stairs and restoring them to the Corporation in good order.

Mr Woodhull having become possessed of the land of Samuel Titus, a similar lease was afterwards directed to be made to him which was afterwards extended for a twelve month longer as a further Compensation for his improvements.

No agreement was made with either of those parties that such ferry should remain a perpetual one. indeed none could have been made.

Alderman Minthorne one of your present Committee was also a member of the Committee who reported upon the subject of the present ferry he perfectly recollects that such former Committee were solicitious to procure an establishment at or near the place proposed by the petitioners and that they endeavoured to obtain the consent of the proprietors for that purpose—a ferry being deemed necessary the former Committee reported in favour of the establishment as

the best that could then be procured—but certainly did not imagine that the public became thereby precluded from the better place.

Your Committee being fully of opinion that the public interest will be promoted by granting the prayer of the petitioners it therefore only remains to be considered [269] whether any valid impediment exists in the engagement with Woodhull and Willett. Your Committee are equally decided in their opinion that no such impediment can be found.

For in the first place the petitioners are contented with receiving a lease to commence from the expiration of those of Woodhull and Willett—in the next place they do not pray an exclusive right, but are willing to receive a concurrent one.

What is the interest of Mr Woodhull and Mr Willett in the ferry and how would such a grant affect them? It is plain to Your Committee, that their only right is as Lessees. the whole ultimate and proprietary right of the establishment is in the Corporation—From the expiration of the Leasses all the interest of the Lessees ceases and it is in the power of the Corporation to direct whatever regulation may be thought proper: In this view of the subject it must be evident that the interests of Woodhull and Willett cannot be effected. by an act which is limited to take place after those interests expire

It was also urged to your Committee that Woodhull and Willett had been at considerable expence in building Wharves and other accommodations for the ferry on this head the Committee would observe that although it is always a subject of regret when individuals lose by an enterprize. Yet that circumstance cannot operate as a substantial ground of argument. For Mr Woodhull and Mr Willett must have known that the board could not be considered as pledged to them for a longer period [270] than their leases express. and it would have been perfectly absurd in them to have imagined that the board would remain forever bound to continue an *infeiror* [inferior] ferry when a far superior one can be procured.

Your Committee further observe that any expences in which they have engaged are also the result of a fair negociation and for which they have received the very consideration they contracted for. A Lease for six years without rent was granted to them as the stipulated price of those improvements. and if in the event they should not realize the benefits they anticipated still it furnishes no sufficient inducement in this board to sacrifice the interests of the public in their behalf.

Another argument against the adoption of this measure has also been suggested which on a slight view appears to possess some speciousness and is therefore worthy of reply—It has been said that it

would be legislating for a future board on this head your Committee would observe that the measure recommended by them is not to be considered as an act of Legislation for a future board but that it is making such provisions for the permanent welfare of the public as is not only justifiable but strictly necessary, and they take the present opportunity of refuting an idea which if sanctioned would nearly destroy the usefulness of this Corporation. for if it was considered that the common Council were only to direct such regulations as are to Commence or be Completed during the period for [which] its present members are elected it is plain that few [271] undertakings of an extensive or durable nature could ever be accomplished. The powers of the Common Council would be subject to continual diminution and would vary with the seasons of the Year—In December and January its authority would be greater than in September and October because in the former period members would have near a twelve month to serve. but in the latter they would be confined within the compass of a few weeks. the regulation of a Street the construction of a Common Sewer or the erection of a market would be considered as improper because the measure could not be completed until the intervention of another board. In opposition to an idea so extremely pernicious Your Committee would observe that though the Common Council in respect to the periods of its election is annual yet in its public relations it is always the same body and is bound to consult the permanent interests of the Community—a future board is properly bound by the Acts of its predecessors when those acts are judged expedient for the public benefit. nothing is more common and more necessary than the adoption of measures of a permanent nature and such is the practice of every day. In all affairs which concern the property or the more important and durable Interests of the public it is necessary to look beyond the present hour, thus leases are granted for twenty one Years or for a longer period, how often have leases been renewed for several Year[s] before their expiration? Thus property is purchased or sold in fee, Thus an exclusive establishment is considered [272] as vested in Mr Willett for six years and inasmuch as it was necessary to provide a ferry the present board is properly bound by the Act of its predecessors though a far superior establishment could now be procured Thus likewise the ferry leased to Mr Willett was established by one Common Council and by them directed to be put into operation during the administration of another. When the building of a New City Hall was directed it was never mentioned as a valid objection to that measure that it could scarcely be commenced

by the members who directed it and that it was legislating for many future boards. It was never deemed an impediment that it was anticipating the revenues of several Years over which the then members could have no controul and engaging their Successors into unvoidable expenditures of an extent so great as to prevent other improvements which they perhaps might deem more necessary. It cannot be requisite to cite a greater variety of instances in support of a principle thus obvious—should such an objection be suffered to prevail. it would prevent every solid and substantial improvement. destroy the usefulness of the Corporation, and confine its powers within a very narrow sphere. Your Committee are convinced that it is the duty of the board to provide for the best and permanent interests of the City whether those interests are future or immediate and that if they should be convinced that the contemplated establishment is necessary they would not be justifiable in hazarding it by the Caprice of individuals the accidents of time or the vicissitude of events. It is plain to [273] Your Committee that nature has constituted that spot the best for a ferry—It will ever remain so—It is therefore necessary and proper to secure it—It was also mentioned to Your Committee as improper to determine the place of a New ferry before the expiration of the present Leases inasmuch as it may tend to diminish the value of the property of Mr Woodhull and Mr Willett and prevent them from selling their lots at as high a price as they might otherwise obtain

And your Committee are aware that this consideration furnishes the principal motive of their objection

The opinion of the Committee on this head has already been mentioned. The effect of a ferry upon the value of private property has been regarded by them as totally foreign to their enquiries. They have considered themselves as acting in behalf of the public, and as bound to promote the public interests satisfied that the spot proposed by the petitioners is by far the best and that [it] is the duty of the board to secure for public purposes while an opportunity exists. Your Committee have considered that a former Committee was desirous of obtaining it but could not procure the consent of the then proprietor that consent has now been obtained but it may hereafter be with drawn—the property may fall into the hands of infant proprietors who are unable to cede. ground to the public and indeed a variety of impediments might occur which would prevent the public from obtaining an establishment so essential to their accommodations under these circumstances, and acting with a view to [274] promote the general

benefit. your Committee are decidedly of opinion that it is proper and necessary to secure the best establishment for the public while it is attainable.

Indeed the very reasoning which has been most strenuously urged in opposition to the immediate adoption of the measure. upon being duly investigated by your Committee appears to dictate a prompt decision.

Ferries are not established with a view to any effect upon private property but if they are calculated to increase its price. and if a conviction should exist that it will hereafter be necessary to change the place of their establishment. Justice and duty to the public most evidently dictate that instead of concealing such intention, notice should be given to the inhabitants. Why should Mr Woodhull and Mr Willett be permitted to dispose of property under an idea and with representations which this board are convinced to be fallacious?

The suspension of a measure which is deemed to be essential, lest it should diminish the value, or embarrass the sale of lots would in the opinion of the Committee render the board instrumental in the deceptions which might ensue. If therefore the board shall be of opinion that in the establishment of Ferries, it is bound to select the best place and that the place proposed by the petitioners is in reality the best it appears to Your Committee that the earliest publicity should be given to its intentions.

In a Case which is governed by principles so evident, your Committee deem it unnescessary to refer to precedent. Yet they may venture to appeal to the [275] ordinary practice of this board. there are several Wehauk ferries and several to Elizabeth town.

When it was found that one ferry to Brooklyn was not sufficient to accommodate the inhabitants, another was established from Catharine Slip to the vicinity of the same Brooklyn Wharf. Again Budds ferry was established between the Hoboken and Paulus hook ferries during the existence of their leases and though the establishment was in some measure the effect of a compromise the board in adopting the report expressly recognized the principle that it took no concern in the calculations of individuals but was governed by a "single eye" to the public interest. And it is further to be observed that in the very instance before the Committee the ferry at Corlaers hook was directed to be established more than a twelve month before it was to be put in operation.

Upon the subject of ferries generally an idea has been suggested which deserves the serious and deliberate attention of this board. It

has been asserted with great probability that the only effectual method of accommodating the public is by the creation of rival establishments. The competition produced by jealous and hostile interests, it has been reasonably supposed will afford the public a choice, and prevent those impositions which are frequently practised when the power of accommodation is vested in a single man, should this idea hereafter receive the sanction of the Common Council, it will be optional with the board at the expiration of the present Leases to maintain both establishments But if, they should then consider [276] the present ferry to be so inferior in point of situation as to be incapable of being supported Your Committee upon a due consideration of the subject. and to prevent any complaint of hardship. are of opinion that it would be proper to restore to Mr Woodhull and Mr Willett the property they have ceded. together with all improvements thereon.

The present petitioners have offered to cede to the public a lot of ground at the foot of Grand Street together with sufficient ground on the opposite shore to erect thereon sufficient accommodations for the ferry and to surrender the same to the board for public purposes upon receiving a lease similar to that made to Woodhull and Willett and commencing at its expiration—Your Committee consider such proposition to be fair and reasonable and that it would conduce to the public interest to accede to it. but they recommend that an immediate cession of the ground be directed in order to prevent any accidents which might intervene to deprive the public of the establishment.

In presenting this report. Your Committee offer to the board the result of their reflections upon a full and impartial examination of the subject referred to them while they have patiently attended to the Claims of individuals whose private interests are supposed to be concerned and while they have been anxious to despense strict and equal justice to each of those individuals they have been particularly studious to promote the public interest and to perform the duties with which they are more immediately intrusted They might indeed have [277] observed that Mr Cannon one of the petitioners is the oldest settler at Corlaers hook. that he has kept a ferry at that place near fifty Years. and had been led to form a reasonable expectations that whenever a regular ferry was established the first lease would have been granted to him, but the pretensions of Mr Cannon on the one side and those of Mr Willet on the other, in the opinion of your Committee are alike immaterial and should equally Yield to those measures which the substantial and general interest of the public requires.

Another objection was also stated in the Counter petition as considerable stress appears to have been the principal ground of objection with many of the petitioners. Your Committee have thought it worthy of a particular reply. This objection is that the proprietors of the Turnpike would sustain material injury and that the neighbouring Inhabitants would be put to considerable expences in altering their fences in consequence of the diversion of the Road. This objection appears to your Committee to be altogether ill founded for in the first place it is obvious that an improvement of the ferry will increase the travelling on the road and so far from injuring will considerably benefit the proprietors of the Turnpike. Secondly Mr Morrell has stipulated that he will cede a public road equal in breadth to the Turnpike to communicate with it and to form a continuation to his landing of consequence the Turnpike itself would become improved without [278] any inconvenience being sustained by the Inhabitants. and Your Committee also observe that the Turnpike would be rendered more conformable to the act by which it was established for by a recurrence to the act of 1803 constituting such Turnpike Company, it is found that they were directed to lay out and open the road in such a manner as to terminate at a place opposite or nearly opposite to Cannon Tavern by name this is not the case with respect to Woodhulls landing but is strictly so as it regards the landing of Morrell.

Mr Woodhulls in his verbal communication to the Committee also mentioned that he owned a landing superior to the present at a place termed the Drumpoint. and that is was his intention to erect a Wharf there this point which divides his land from that of Mr Morrells is at a very inconsiderable distance from the present ferry and is formed by the reef which has been already mentioned. it must always be liable to very great objection on account of the roughness of the water and no labour which can be bestowed upon it can render it equal in point of situation. safety and convenience to the land of Mr Morrell.

Your Committee have been thus particular in order that the reasons and motives which have governed their determination might be fairly presented to the board upon a full and impartial examination of the subject they are decidedly of opinion that the place proposed by the petitioners is by far the best [279] and most eligible for a permanent public ferry, and that as no sufficient obstracles exist to prevent its being established after the present leases terminates the public Interest requires that such establishment should take place.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following Resolutions.

Resolved that a ferry be established from the foot of Grand Street

to the point of land belonging to Thomas Morrell at the opposite shore to commence from the expiration of the present leases granted to Mr Woodhull and Mr Willett and that a lease similar to that made to Woodhull and Willett be granted to Cannon and Morrell to commence from the termination of the leases of the present ferry upon their immediately ceding a lot of ground at the foot of Grand Street and suitable ground on the opposite Shore both to be selected by the Comptroller, undertaking to make suitable accommodations for the ferry and agreeing to surrender the possession of the same and all improvements thereto [to] the board at the expiration of their lease.

Resolved that if at the expiration of the present leases. the board should deem it inexpedient for the public interest to continue a ferry from Willetts Wharf to Long Island. that the property ceded to them by Woodhull and Willett be restored to the said Woodhull and Willett.

Jacob Mott
J D L Montagnie
[280] Mangle Minthorne
Abm Bloodgood
Jacob Shute
Abraham King

But if the reasoning contained in the proceeding Report should not be deemed conclusive by the Board there is a method of securing every contemplated advantage to the public upon such terms as to remove every dificulty and silence every possible objection provided the present Petitioners should agree to the same that is to direct the new Ferry, immediately to take place. and the public to have the immediate benefit of the Landings. and in order that Messrs Woodhull and Willett should have no pretence of complaining. that in addition to their present Lease a Lease of such new Landing shall also be granted to them during the present term without Rent. and to compensate the petitioners for their Grant to the board that a lease be granted to them commencing from the expiration of that of Woodhull and Willett By that means the public would have the immediate use of the ferry. Woodhull and Willett would receive an additional grant and no objection could be urged that it is and act of which the operation is to be in future though your Committee are inclined to prefer the resolution first offered in order to afford the petitioners time to make suitable improvements and accommodations Yet if this board should not think proper to concur with them in sentiment in that Case on account of

the superior advantages of the situation and the necessity of securing it to the public. they would [281] offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that if the present petitioners for a New ferry from the foot of Grand Street to Morrells landing shall consent to such arrangement and make immediate cessions of a lot of land at the foot of the said Street and of suitable land on the opposite Shore that a New ferry be immediately established from the foot of Grand Street to Morrells point on the opposite Shore and that a lease of the said landing be also granted to Mr Woodhull and Mr Willett without rent during the continuance of their present term and to compensate Cannon and Morrell for their Cession of ground that a similar lease be made to them commencing from the expiration of that of Woodhull and Willett upon their undertaking to furnish suitable accommodations to have the same ready at the Commencement of the lease granted to them and surrendering the same to the board at the expiration of their term But if the said Woodhull and Willett should refuse to accept of such grant that then a lease shall be made to Cannon and Morrell for Six Years to commence immediately upon their making such improvements and agreeing to surrender the same to the board at the expiration of their term

Jacob Mott
J D L Montagnie
Mangle Minthorne
Abm Bloodgood
Jacob Shute
Abraham King

[282] Ordered that a Copy thereof be furnished the parties interested and that the board will meet on Wednesday the 10th instant to hear them, thereon

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for a well at the South West Corner of Hudson and Harrison Streets reported enfavor thereof. Ordered that a Well be sunk at such place upon the usual terms.

The following report was received to wit

The Committee to whom was recommitted their former report relative to Duane and Reed Streets Bason, beg leave to present the following in addition, viz,

That they have maturely considered the subject recommitted to them, and are of opinion, That the present is the most proper time to construct a Bason, at the foot of Duane and Reed Streets; and that it consist of two piers with Ends in the form of an: L: agreeably to the plan herewith submitted, instead of three piers recommended in

the former report, This will not only make the expence less, but enable the Contractor to put the Work in such a State of forwardness as will render it secure from the Effects of the weather the ensuing Winter The Committee have reason to believe. that the Expence of making This Bason will be far below their former estimate, yet to bring it *accruately* [accurately] before the board, They beg leave to offer the following resolution. Viz.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner advertize [283] for estimates of the Expence of constructing a Bason at the foot of Reed and Duane Streets agreeably to the plan and that he report a view thereof to this Board

J D L Montagnie
Joseph Board
John S Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The following report was received to wit.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Crone. as also the petition of the Constable and Marshalls of this City Report as follows. viz,

That they cannot with propriety recommend the granting permission to sell Household furniture at the place stated in M^{r} Crone's petition, but as great convenience to the Inhabitants in the vicinity will result, and as no injury to the public can arise, They recommend That permission be given to the auctioneers generally, to sell Household furniture, in Chatham Square, the place assigned as a Horse-market—With respect to the petition of the Constables and Marshalls, The Committee are of opinion, it would be improper to grant it in its fullest extent, and that in addition to the places now assigned. They have permission to sell their Goods &^{c} at the Corner of East George and Lombard Streets, and to rectify a mistake in the ordinance. upon this subject, That they have permission to sell Goods &^{c} taken in Execution in front of Joseph [284] Burjeau's in Vesey Street, instead of in front of Joseph Burjeau's in Greenwich Street, no such person living in Greenwich Street. To embrace the objects in this report, The Committee beg leave to present the following supplementary ordinance

A Law, Supplementary to the Law entitled "A Law to regulate sales at auction.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That it shall be lawful for the auctioneers to sell House hold furniture and articles

of Lumber at the place assigned as a Horse market, near the New Watch house—and that it shall be lawful for the Sheriff and his Deputies, Constables, Marshalls or other officers, to sell Goods &c in Execution at or in front of the house of Joseph Burgois in Vesey Street and at the Corner of East George and Lombard Streets in addition to the places now assigned by Law.

George Janeway
Joseph Board
J D L Montagnie

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance to pave Pump Street from the Easterly Canal of second Street to the North canal of Division Street ordered that the same be confirmed and that William Hunter, John Youle Benjamin North [285] Whitehead Hicks and Thomas Timpson be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance to pave Division Street Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Drake, Mr Mott and Mr Warner.

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for cleansing the Fly market Slip Ordered that the same be referred to the Board of Health with power to take such orders as they may deem expedient.

The following report was received to wit

The Committee to whom was referred the unsettled accounts of Messrs Ash and Pearsee respectfully Report

That it appears from the Books of the Corporation, that a balance of One thousand six hundred and eighty five Dollars and fifty five Cents. has remained due to the Corporation for the hire of the public Docks and Slips by the said Ash and Pearsee, since the first day of April 1799

It also appears that a suit was commenced by the Corporation against the said Ash and Pearsee several years since and no decision had. It further appears by the Petition of Messrs Ash and Pearsee. that sundry impediments have prevented them from obtaining the Docks Rents from several Individuals and that by the ordinances of the [286] Corporation certain Docks. and Slips have been taken from them by filling and other privations. The account exhibited for those privations is inadmissible in the opinion of your Committee, at least to its full amount.

In order however to bring this business to a close your Committee recommend that Messrs Ash and Pearsee pay without delay the

sum of fifteen hundred Dollars into the Treasury; and discharge all the Costs of suit accrued on the case.

J. D L Montagnie
Philip Brasher
Bj[n] Romaine

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the resolution thereby recommended pass accordingly

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Iss[d] Warrants

No[s]	1479	Philip J Arcularius Superintendant of Alms House in advance	$3000.
	1480	Clarkson Crolius Chairman of Committee of repairs...	200.
	1481	Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	197[96]/100
	1482	William Van Wart do	197[96]/100
	1483	Magnus Beekman do	197[96]/100
	1484	William Peterson do	197[96]/100
	1485	Hugh Gobel do	148[96]/100
	1486	Gad Dumbolton do	149[71]/100
	1487	John Pintard Salary as City Inspector	326[75]/100
	1488	James Hardie for services	62[50]/100
	1489	Beekman M Van Beuren for Working public roads....	294[75]/100
	1490	Thomas and James Swords for Laws of New York....	11.
	1491	Peter Hegeman for Rye flour	45[75]/100
	1492	Conrad Jordan repairing public Lamps	4[87]/100
[287]	1493	Robert H Sickles lighting and cleaning City Lamps....	308[89]/100
	1494	James Cheetham for printing	4[87]/100
	1495	Benjamin DeMilt for regulating public clocks	133[33]/100
	1496	Christian Nestell for Salary as Inspector of Bread.....	43[85]/100
	1497	Thomas Boyle for paving	100.
	1498	John Maghan for paving	100.
	1499	Thomas Riley for paving	40.

[288] In Common Council—July 8. 1805.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

William W Gilbert	Esquires Aldermen	Clarkson Crolius	Assistants
Philip Brasher		Jacob Shute	
Mangle Minthorne		Simon Van Antwerp	
Abraham King		George J Warner	
James Drake		Joseph Board	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris	

A Petition of Samuel, Ebenezer, Thomas and John Winship for stands in the Fly market, of Leonard Kline for a Stand in Hudson market and of Jonathan Winship for a stand in Hudson market was referred to the Market Committee

Matthias Crane. N° 60 Courtlandt Street. George Kaylor Tobacconist Orange Street and William Adams Slater N° 30 Chapel Street were appointed Firemen to Company N° 3 Christian Moore Tobacconist N° 2 John Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 14 instead of Lewis Lorton expelled, and Evert [289] Van Freightenburgh Cartman of Norfolk Street. and Gilbert Dean Grocer were appointed Firemen of Company N° 26 instead of James Carman and James Van Keuren resigned

Thomas Taylor was permitted to pile his brick on the side of Chamber Street while erecting a Vault for Herman Le Roy.

A returns from Captain Peterson and Dumbolton Watch Companies were referred to Watch Committee

The Mayor communicated to the board a letter from the Phœnix fire Assurance Company of London stating the said Company had conferred upon the Corporation a new fire Engine of a new construction together with suitable hose and stated that the same had arrived and is ready to be received Ordered that the Chief Engineer be authorised to receive and take charge of the same in behalf of the board and to make a public trial of its powers in conveying Water, and that the Mayor be requested to return an answer with proper acknowledgements.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 1753 to 1758 inclusive Ordered that the same pass.

Resolved that M[r] Remmey be authorized to employ Scavengers to sweep the Streets and cleanse the Gutters before the houses and lots of absentees in Case of their neglect so to do and to keep an account of the same in such a manner as to receive the [290] expence from the proprietors of such lots and houses.

The Market Committee having made a Report with a Map thereunto annexed that it was expedient to erect a market on the Corporation bason and the board having agreed to the said report. Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs. under the direction of the Committee of repairs proceed to build a bulkhead across the said Bason and fill up the same in the manner laid down in said map or in any other way that shall appear proper to the said Committee.

The Watch Committee reported that it would be proper to allow a gratuity of $23 to the Marshals and Watchman who apprehend Francisco Son* a Portuguese charged with the Commission of Mur-

*Marginal note reads *afterwards condemned & executed.*—Ed.

der, to wit $5 to Richard Nixon and $2 each to N. Hill, J Lockwood, J Williams, Stephen Hall, Robert Furlong, [Jacob] Banta, P. Paulding, Thomas Darling and Thomas Freeburn. Ordered that the same be Confirmed and a Warrant issue accordingly.

Upon receiving the report of the Committee Ordered that a well be sunk between the Corner of North Moore and Varick Streets upon the usual terms

The Street Commissioner reported that it is at present inexpedient to fill in Cortland Slip Ordered that the same be confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported and Ordinance Compelling the proprietors to fill in the [291] lower part of Barclay Street to Vesey Street and an ordinance to fill in two sunken Lots on South Street. Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported that it is at present unncessary to regulate Lewis and Delancey Streets. especially as the proprietors of lots therein are engaged in the expence of regulating other Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Petition of Samuel L Mitchell and others inhabitants of the Seventh and Eighth Wards praying the establishment of a ferry from the foot of Grand Street to Morrells point to Long Island was read

Alderman Gilbert was made a member of the Tunnel Committee instead of Mr Warner who resigned

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs place benches on the Battery.

John Bussing Collector of the Assessment for a drain in Beaver Street and for repaving the said Street presented a return of delinquent proprietors Ordered that Warrants issue

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Is[d] Warrants

No	1500	Jacob DelaMontagnie Esq[r] Treasurer of the board of health	$200.
	1501	John Sickles Treasurer of the building Committee	2000.
	1502	Cornelius Warner Salary as Superintendant of repairs	217$^{99}/_{100}$
	1503	Jacob DelaMontagnie Esq[r] donation to Watchman	23.
[292]	1504	G and D Buck and Company for Gun powder for celebration of the 4 July	184.
	1505	Thomas Boyle for repaving Streets	100.
	1506	Thomas Riley for paving	25.
	1507	Samuel B Waldron for working public roads	270$^{99}/_{100}$
	1508	Edward Watkeys for Candles	4$^{33}/_{100}$
	1509	Andrew Otterson for services	44.

Is[d] Warrants

No	1510	Edward Moran for services.....	$44.
	1511	E Higgins for painting.....	14[99]/100
	1512	Cornelius Warner for public repairs.....	248 [9]/100
	1513	Cornelius Warner for public repairs.....	1022[83]/100

[293] Board of Supervisors. July 9. 1805

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Abraham King
James Fairlie
Mangle Minthorne
Jacob De La Montagnie
George Janeway
} Esquires Aldermen

The Comptroller having represented that the Assessors of the several Wards have not yet completed their tax books. Ordered that the Board of Supervisors meet on Tuesday next and that the Comptroller notify the Collectors to have their Books prepared by the time.

[294] In Common Council. July 10 1805

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob De La Montagnie
Abraham King
James Drake
William W Gilbert
James Fairlie
Wynant Van Zandt Junior
Philip Brasher
Mangle Minthorne
} Esquires Aldermen

Abraham Bloodgood
Clarkson Crolius
Jacob Mott
Joseph Board
George J Warner
Jacob Shute
Simon Van Antwerp
} Assistants

The Board commenced the hearing of Council upon the question depending respecting the establishment of a new ferry at Corlaer hook.

Returning School monies were received from Christ Church. the Methodist Episcopal Church and the German Reformed Church.

[295] In Common Council July 15 1805

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

George Janeway		Jacob Mott
William W Gilbert		Andrew Morris
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp
Abraham King	Esquires	Jacob Shute
Jacob De La Montagnie	Aldermen	Clarkson Crolius
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Abraham Bloodgood
Mangle Minthorne		George J Warner
Philip Brasher		
James Fairlie		

Assistants

Petitions of Jacob Graaf. John Scilk and J Hill for the remission of penalties on account of their bread being too light was referred to the Bread Inspectors

A communication of Cornelius Ray and A L Bleecker Loan Officers stating that the Estate of George B Ewart advertized by them for [296] sale is defective was referred to the Counsel of the board

An application of Robert R Livingston Esquire for a Lot of ground for the use of the Academy of Arts was referred to Alderman Fairlie, Van Zandt and De La Montagnie.

Petitions of Peter Chappel for a Butcher Stand and of William Chevvis for stand N° 24 Hudson market and of Daniel Ensley Junior for a Stand in the Fish Market were referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Murray that the Streets on Randalls ground* may be opened was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Communication of R Seaman Captain of the State prison guard stating that Thomas Dunn one of his men is now confined on a Charge of Bastardy was received Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to order his liberation on such terms as he may think proper.

On receiving a recommendation of the Board of health Ordered that the City Inspector be appointed a member of that Board.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be authorized to number the houses in Mott and Bayard Street and such other Streets as he may think proper.

A Petition of John Freeland and [297] others that the side Walks of Bowery may be paved was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that

* Marginal note reads *Sailor's Snug harbour.*—ED.

Gershom Mills William Thomson John Van Gelder and James Cregier be appointed Watchman in Captain Lawrence[s] Company and James M^cCracken, Daniel Sherwood Frazer Baker and William Delabee be appointed Watchman in Captain Van Warts Company—that James Kent Junior John Brown. Thomas Whittle and George M^cCammon be appointed Watchman and Abraham Quackenbos Daniel See Ryer Demarest Peter Night and George Pearce be appointed substitutes in Captain Gobles Company that Dugall Campbell and William Letson be appointed Watchman in Captain Beekmans Company instead of Abraham Verbryck and David Townley.

An application of William Hardy for the return of his petition for an office under the board was referred to the Committee on application for offices

John Clapp Merchant of 33 Vande Water Street was appointed a fireman of Company N° 12 instead of David Cunningham resigned Thomas Gilchrist. Baker N° 83 Fair Street. Second Ward was appointed a fireman of Company N° 21 instead of Walter Nixon resigned and Samuel L Page Junior Repacker. Tunis Van Pelt and Jacob Skaats were appointed firemen of Company N° 27 instead of [298] Harman Blowet, Richard Davis and William Riker resigned.

A Report of the Street Commissioner for improving the South line of Magazine Street was referred to M^r Crolius, Board and Shute.

A Report of the Street Commissioner and resolution respecting Maiden Lane was referred to Alderman Drake, M^r Hopkins and M^r Bloodgood.

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for the extention of the pier at Charlotte Slip. Ordered that the same pass.

Upon receiving the recommendation of the Street Commissioner for that purpose Ordered that he be authorized to have the block which connects the middle pier at Coenties Slip with the main Wharf to be paved.

An Assessment for paving the intersection of Division Street between Rutgers and Clinton Streets was received and confirmed Ordered that Hugh Montgomery be appointed Collector

John Bussing returned a report of the delinquent proprietors in the assessment of Grand Street Ordered that a Warrant issue

A Petition of the inhabitants of Theatre Alley for Lamps was referred to the Lamp Committee.

[299] A Return of School monies was received from the Moravian Church.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and suppression of Nuisances numbered from 1759 to 1767 Ordered that the same do pass.

A Petition of Thomas Ivers for payment of the monies due to him on the assessment for regulating and extending Cherry Street together with the assessments for such purpose were referred to Alderman King Gilbert and Brasher.

Ordered that the respective parties concerned in the question depending before the board concerning the ferries from Corlaers hook to Long Island be directed to examine Witnesses in Writing and that from this time until Tuesday the thirtieth instant be allowed them for that purpose and that the testimony thus taken be reported to the board and that the said parties respectively furnish to each other two days notice of the time and place of examining Witnesses.

Ordered that Alderman Fairlie, Gilbert and Janeway be appointed a Committee to report rules of proceeding proper to be adopted in determ[in]ing the question relative to the ferries at Corlaers hook.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner have erected on the best and Cheapest [300] manner and previous to the next Winter a pier on the south side of the bason proposed to be formed at the foot of Duane and Reed Street agreeably to the plan submitted to the board some time since.

Archibald Gracie was permitted to erect a Lime house in Pearl Street under direction of the Street Commissioner.

The Committee to whom it was referred to examine the buildings of Thomas Post and others reported upon the subject—Ordered that the said report be referred to the Counsel of the board.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to advertise for the construction of a Machine for ramming the pavement of newly paved Streets and capable of being easely removed from place to place by the person engaged in ramming the same and that he be authorized to offer a reward of One hundred Dollars for such a machine the model of which shall have been previously approved by the board. the above resolution being proposed to the board was referred to M^{r} Warner, Morris and the Street Commissioner.

Resolved that the superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Committee of repairs cause the Corporation bason to be extended as far out as the permanent line.

Ordered that the Mayor [301] issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Is[d] Warrants

No[s]	1514	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....	$197[99]/100
	1515	William Van Wart do	197[99]/100
	1516	Magnus Beekman do	197[99]/100
	1517	William Peterson do	197[99]/100
	1518	Hugh Gobel do	148[99]/100
	1519	Stephen Coles and Son for Rum furnished Alms house..	80[45]/100
	1520	G and J Abeel for powder.....	9[28]/100
	1521	James Drake for Blankets for Alms house.....	55.
	1522	Robert Stanton for Articles furnished Superintendant of Scavengers	52[70]/100
	1523	Jacob De La Montagnie Esq[r] a quarters Salary as special Justice	250.
	1524	Theophilus Beekman Esq[r] the same.....	250.
	1525	Bernard Oblenis. Clerk to special Justices.....	250.
	1526	John S Hunn Street Commissioner.....	375.
	1527	Benjamin Romaine Comptroller.....	250.
	1528	Abeel W Hardenbrook for a fire Engine.....	550.
	1529	William Willis for Soap furnished Alms house.....	755[25]/100

[302] In Common Council. July 22[nd] 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Jacob Mott
Philip Brasher		Abraham Bloodgood
William W Gilbert		Jacob Shute
Mangle Minthorne	Esquires	Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake	Aldermen	Andrew Morris
Jacob De La Montagnie		Samuel M Hopkins
Abraham King		Clarkson Crolius
George Janeway		George J Warner
James Fairlie		

Assistants

A Petition of John English for a Pump in the neighbourhood of Potters field, and of Oliver Waldron for a Pump in the Middle and Kingsbridge roads were referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ninth Ward.

[303] A Return from Captain Dumboltons Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Richard Wilkeson and others stating that they are injured by the dirt which covers the Street in Broadway near the Health Office was referred to the Street Commissioner and City Inspector with power to use tan bark for that purpose.

A Petition of Claude Grapin that his Wife may be admitted in the Alms house on his paying her board was referred to the Commis-

sioners of the Alms house with power to take such order as they may deem expedient.

A Return of School Monies were received from the Protestant Dutch Church.

A Communication was received from the Inspectors of bread and referred to Alderman Van Zandt. Gilbert. Fairlie. Mr Hopkins and the City Inspector.

John Broome was permitted to erect a Vault at No 75 Stone Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Communication of William Furman respecting his Accounts with [304] the Corporation was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition for a Pump in Barclay Street between Chappel and Greenwich Streets was granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward.

A Petition of Charles Loss and others that Brannon Street may be continued of the breadth of sixty five feet according to the Cession thereof was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William I Waldron and others respecting the filth in Canal Street was referred to the Committee on the Canal.

William Post was appointed a Fireman to Company No 1 instead of Jacob Acker resigned.

A Petition of Jacob S Mott and others to pave Thames Street and a petition of Thomas Ivers and others to regulate the descent in Division and Grand Streets were referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following report was received to Wit.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner upon the subject of Straitening Magazine Street. beg leave to report

That they have examined the premises [305] and find that the regulation contemplated by the Street Commissioner is a very proper and necessary one. as it will add very much to the beauty of the Street. as well as convenience of the Inhabitants and can be done at a trifling expence there being no buildings in the way except a small Stable of but little value The ground that would be taken for this purpose principally belongs to the Corporation but as it would essentially benefit the whole Street. Your Committee are of opinion that it would be proper to take it by the usual mode of assessment

respectfully submitted
Clarkson Crolius
Jacob Shute

Ordered that the same be confirmed

A Petition of Abraham Legget and others for a Market near the Belvidere Montgomerry Street was referred to the Market Committee

The following report was received to wit

The Attorney of the Board has the honor to recommend the Words scored in the following extract from the Laws of the Corporation for the appointment of a Superintendant of Scavengers &c "—as amendments thereto. 13th and be it further ordained that no Oysters shall be brought into or sold or kept in the said City between the first day of [306] June and the thirteenth day of September in any year and if any person do or shall bring into the said City any Oyster. or do or shall sell, or do or shall have in his or her possession in the said City any Oysters Contrary to this Law such person shall forfeit and pay as a fine two Dollars for any quantity of such Oyster so brought sold or possessed as aforesaid, not exceeding One hundred, and in that proportion for any greater quantity.

Ordered that the same be Confirmed and the said ordinance amended accordingly.

A Report of the Street Commissioner relative to the Road at Kissing bridge was referred to the Road Committee.

John Slidell Junior was appointed a firewarden of the first Ward and Isaac Wright was appointed a fire warden of the second ward instead of John Kane resigned.

The City Inspector reported an Ordinance for the correction and removal of Nuisances numbered 1768 Ordered that the same pass the board.

*Ordered that this board will purchase the instruments appertaining to the Office of Street Commissioner.

[307] Mr Hopkins, Warner and Mott } Were appointed a Committee to examine the Hydraulic Machine invented by Mr Tomlinson and to report their opinion respecting it to the board.

A Report of the Street Commissioner respecting the Whitehall Slip was referred to Alderman King. Mr Morris and Mr Crolius.

A Petition of Joseph Sidney for remission of a fine for incumbering the Street was referred to the Street Commissioner with power to take such order as may be proper.

The following report was received from the Comptroller to wit

The Petition of Isaac Clason, referred to the Comptroller States two sources of grievance—The first is that he has erected a Pier into the East River on the East side of Charlotte Slip without any orders

*Marginal note reads *Vol. 19. P. 124.*—Ed.

from the Corporation. which Pier forms one intire side of said Slip that the Dock master, Charles Smith has and still continues to collect the Wharfage of the Slip side of the said Pier where since it has been erected. The second, states that, for erecting the Bulk-head across the said Slip, he has been assessed between five and six hundred Dollars, and prays redress in the premises.

With respect to the first. It has been an established [308] rule and practice of the Corporation not to relinquish the Wharfage of the public Slips on either side; and no inducement has been discovered why in this instance they should yield this right, especially when it is considered that, by erecting and extending this Pier Mr Clason formed a Compleat Bason and safe harbour on the East side, which is wholly his property; and without having erected this Pier no Bason could have been formed, and his own Waters would have remained exposed to the Westerly Storms. Again the Corporation have rented to Charles Smith all the public Docks and Slips, and have so far put it out of their own power to grant Mr Clason the Wharfage on the Slip side. With respect to the over assessment for erecting the Bulk head, some considerable enquiry, and inspection, has been made. It appears that Mr Clason has a very large property on the East side of said Charlotte Slip, and extending from the river to Harman Street, all in the adjacent Neighbourhood of the place, and no fact has been discovered that the assessors should have rated Mr Clason more than an equitable portion according to the benefit received by him. as correct a view of the premises as could be made from bare inspection is hereunto subjoined

All which is respectfully submitted

18 May 1805 Bjn Romaine

Ordered that the same be Confirmed.

[309] Alderman De La Montagnie Brasher and Mr Shute } Were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Comptroller for filling in the Collect.

The said Committee reported that they had examined the Accounts and find them right. Ordered that the said Report be confirmed.

Mr John Sullivan was permitted to Erect a Vault at the Whitehall Slip under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Ordered that the Committee of public repairs be authorized to put the Court room in order.

The Assessment for the ground taken to improve and continue Cherry Street were referred to Alderman King. Gilbert and Mr Shute.

The Street Commissioner reported and Ordinance to regulate Crosby Street Ordered that the same pass the board.

Assessments were received and confirmed for regulating Ferry and Cliff Streets and for repaving a part of Pearl Street Hugh Montgomery was appointed Collector for Ferry and Cliff Streets and John Bussing of Pearl Street.

Assessments were received [310] and confirmed for regulating a part of Leonard and Washington Streets and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrants

Benjamin Romaine for dirt to be Carted in Collect.....	$1000.
John H Sickles Treasurer of building Committee for use of said Committee.....	2000.
Latham Bunker for Lamp Oil.....	2381 99/100
Jacob Barker for Lamp Oil.....	1759 85/100
A Pattrick for Dock logs.....	722 49/100
Samuel L Whitelock for making Cartridges.....	35 44/100
John Hardie for services.....	30.
Patrick Shay for selling a lot of ground.....	8.
Peter Clark for transporting powder etc.....	17 01/100
John S Hunn for Books and Stationary.....	98 88/100
Gad Dumbolton for City Watch.....	148 88/100
Thomas Boyle for paving.....	50.

[311] In Common Council July 29. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

William W Gilbert		Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake		Andrew Morris
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Clarkson Crolius
Jacob De La Montagnie	Esquires	Jacob Shute
Mangle Minthorne	Aldermen	Samuel M Hopkins
Abraham King		George J Warner
James Fairlie		Joseph Board
George Janeway		
Philip Brasher		

Assistants

A Petition from Stephen Coles and others proprietors in ferry Street against paying for the drain was referred to the Assessors.

The Inspectors of Bread reported in favour of remitting the fines of Jacob Grife, John Hitt and John Siel on account of their bread being to light Ordered that the said report be confirmed and the fines remitted.

*A Report was received from the Inspectors of Bread and referred to the Committee on that subject.

A Return from Captain Dumboltons Watch Company was referred to Watch Committee

George Mitchell Grocer was appointed a fireman of Company N° 2 instead of David Angevine resigned and Jacob T Dominick of 31 Cherry Street Merchant instead of William Wilson removed.

A Petition of Benjamin B Beekman for a Water Grant near Dover Street was referred to the Comptroller.

A representation from Garret Heyer that William Neilson has sold meat out of market was referred to the Market Committee.

The Counsel of the board to whom was referred the Communication of the Loan Officers reported as follows to Wit. In pursuance of the reference made to me in this Case I have enquired into the title of George B Ewart deceased to a certain Lot of ground in Rutgers Street which I find was purchased by Benjamin Hildreth deceased on the nineteenth day of April One thousand seven hundred and ninety one from Jeremiah Vanderbilt and Lambert Suydam (as per their deed recorded in the Clerks Office in Book N° 48 p 371) and afterwards conveyed by his Executors to Ewart, but as the will [312] of Hildreth was made on the 18th of April 1790 I am of opinion that his Executors had no power to dispose of real Estate purchased after that time and consequently that Ewart had no title to the house and Lot Mortgaged by him to the Loan Office

July 19. 1805 Richard Harison

Ordered that the Clerk furnish the Loan Officers with a Copy of the above report

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee. Ordered that Cyrus Beedle be removed as a Watchman of Captain Dumboltons Company. and that Henry Voorhis be appointed a Watchman of Captain Gobles Company intead of James Kent deceased and that James Gaman be appointed a substitute of the said Company

An account of Adolph Degrove for sweeping the Chimnies in the Gaol was referred to the Comptroller.

Resolved that this board will give a premium of $500 for the first quantity of good pit coals not less than ten Chaldrons which shall be brought to this City having been taken from any pit or mine in this State within ten miles of the Sea Shore or of any part of Hudsons River below the town of Waterford in the County of Saratoga

* New page not numbered through error of clerk.—ED.

The following report was received to Wit

In addition to the former reports [313] upon the subject the Committee to whom was referred the several applications respecting the ferries at Corlaers hook report that the several parties interested therein have agreed to terms substantially the same with these which were recommended in the first report upon the subject and that satisfactory testimony has strengthened the conviction of the Committee that a ferry from Grand Street to Morrells point would proved a valuable accommodation to the public. The public will be benefitted by the acquisition of valuable Lots on both sides of the River—they will acquire the immediate use of the best landings and the progress of improvement in that part of the Town will be greatly facilitated and promoted by the constant and easy intercourse that will be afforded with Long Island with a view of submitting the question to the board in a specific shape the Committee beg leave to submit the following resolution in which they have been studious to attend to the public interest. and to prevent any misunderstanding which might hereafter place the rights of the board in question

Resolved that a ferry be, and the same is hereby established from the foot of Grand Street to Morrells point on Long Island, upon condition that Abraham Cannon immediately cede to this board in fee simple a suitable lot fronting on Grand Street and Thomas Morrell immediately cede in fee simple to the board two suitable Lots at the aforesaid point and that leases of the said ferry be granted [314] Marinus Willett and Richard M Woodhull during the continuance of their lease of the ferry from Willetts Wharf to Williamsburg. and to Abraham Cannon and Thomas Morrell for Six Years from and after the expiration of the aforesaid lease granted to Willett and Woodhull provided the said Abraham Cannon and Thomas Morrell shall erect good and convenient ferry Stairs and other proper accommodations for the said ferry and have the same in readiness by the commencement of their lease. and surrender the same to the board for the use of the public at the expiration thereof, and resolved further that the lease of the ferry from Willetts Wharf to Williamsburg granted to the said Willett and Woodhull be extended and enlarged for the space of six Years from the expiration of their present lease thereof, the said Lessees respectively always to remain subject and be bound to conform to such rules and regulations as the Common Council shall from time to time think proper to order and direct with respect to the number of men and boats to be employed. the qualifications and description of Men and boats. and in respect to every other particular*ly*

which shall be deemed necessary for the better governing and conducting the said ferries. And likewise that a clause be inserted in the said leases that the board retain the right of instituting other ferries [315] and of licencing boats *of* [if] the public convenience should require it.

Jacob Mott
J D L Montagnie
Ab^{m} Bloodgood
Mangle Minthorne
Abraham King
Jacob Shute

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the resolution thereby recommended pass accordingly.

The following report was received to Wit.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the 24th June and the Report of the Comptroller, respecting White hall Slip and the pier on the West side for the accommodations of Hay and ferry Boats.

Reports, that having viewed the said Slip at Low Water, [they] are of opinion that it ought to be filled in about 25 feet, and the ferry stairs on the East side moved nearer the end; as the neighbours in the vicinity complain. that it is almost impossible for them to live there particularly when the Slip is bare and as we have been witnesses of the facts, We therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for estimates and report to this board with all convenient speed, [316] having also examined the pier on the West side, we find about 4 feet Water and upon further examination for upwards of 200 feet in the river, we found the depth of Water about 12 feet, the Committee are therefore of opinion that the said pier ought to be extended to the permanent Line with an L of 20 feet north Easterly as the water is very shole. and the expence would be but very trifling. when compared to the great accommodation it would aford to the vast number of boats resorting this Slip, and as the owners of the wharfs on the East side are only waiting for the pier now in contemplation to be run out. Your Committee are also of opinion that *that* the west side of the Slip ought to be exclusively for Hay boats, we are creditably informed that between 20 and 30 ferry Boats resort this Slip, would therefore recommend that the East side together with the L on the West side be for the sole use of the respective ferry boats, and

the yearly revenue that will be received from the ferrys will no doubt be sufficient for to defray the expences.

New York July 25th 1805

Abraham King
Clarkson Crolius
Andw Morris

Ordered that the [report] be confirmed

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Oliver Waldron for a Well at the Corner of the Middle and Kingsbridge [317] roads reported that he have liberty to dig a Well at such place at his own expence provided he does not extend ten feet from the Stone fence Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John English for a well at Old Pottersfield reported that he have liberty to dig a Well at his own expence not to extend ten feet from the stone fence Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Road Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner respecting the New road intended to be cut through to Harlem Commons from the improvements made by Mr Smith at Kissing Bridge Report that it would be necessary to finish this piece of Road before any use can be made of that part which is already compleated If it is therefore intended that this road shall be publicly travelled next year, it will then be absolutely necessary that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for estimates and report them to this board with all convenient speed

July 29. 1805. Abraham King Chairman

Ordered that the said report be confirmed

Assessments were received for regulating Suffolk. Orchard. Henry and Third Streets

[318] Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances to regulate Barley and Cross Streets Ordered that the same be confirmed

An application of the Fisherman respecting lying at the Fly Market Slip was referred to the Market Committee.

A Report of the Street Commissioner relative to Division Street was referred to Alderman Gilbert Van Zandt and Drake

A Report of the Street Commissioner in relation to North Street was referred to Alderman Drake Mr Crolius and Mr Warner

The Counsel of the board presented the draft of an answer in Chancery at the suit of Remsen and Riker. Ordered that the seal of the board be affixed thereto.

The City Inspector reported an Ordinance for the removal and correction of Nuisances numbered 1769. Ordered that the same do pass

Mr Morris was appointed a member of the Committee to report respecting the the running through of Chamber Street instead of Mr Crolius resigned.

[319] The following Report was received from the Comptroller to Wit.

The Comptroller begs leave respectfully to state to the Common Council—That the monies in the Treasury have been expended, and that Warrants issued by the board, have been accepted and paid by the Manhattan Company, amounting nearly to ten thousand Dollars which remain unredeemed.

It may be proper to remark that, from the unusual severity of the last winter, which called into exercise every charitable emotion, and a corresponding disposition to relieve the distresses of the poor, the Corporation took a lively interest in affording them relief; which occasioned the expenditure of [a] large sum of money. From this circumstance, the provision made for the last year has not been able to meet the demands on the Treasury.

It is believed that, four or six weeks will elapse before any resources can be expected from the newly assessed Tax. The sums remaining due from sundry individuals for Water Lot rents and other dues will give some relief from time to time. nevertheless it is believed adviseable that the Corporation take a loan from the Manhattan Company of twenty thousand Dollars, which may enable them to answer the demands against the board until relief can be had from the tax.

The following order is therefore recommended to the Board Viz. Ordered, that the [320] Comptroller under the direction of his Honor the Mayor negotiate a loan of the Manhatten Company for the sum of twenty thousand Dollars to be refunded in a reasonable time and that the Mayor be authorized to affix the seal of the Corporation to the above to be given for that purpose

All which is respectfully submitted

29 July 1805. Bjn Romaine

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The following report was received—to Wit

The Comptroller to whom was refered the Letter of William Furman to Alderman Montagnie, stating the error of six months of the

Charge against himself & Thodocious Hunt for the hire of Catharine Slip Ferry, begs leave to state

That on a further investigation of this business which had become envelloped in obscurity; it does appear as stated by Mr Furman, that the charge in the books made against them of half a year beyond the time for which they rented the said ferry is incorrect and that Messrs Stanton and Waterberry who bought the ferry establishment of Mr Furman previous to the termination of the lease, are justly chargeable with the half year rent charged to Hunt & Furman

The acct of Messrs Hunt and Furman therefor will stand thus

[321] Messrs Hunt and Furman

To the Corporation Dr

N. York 1800		
March—To ballance of rent for the New Ferry.....	$340.	
" Interest from March 1800 to July 1805.....	126.93	
		$466.93
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By Blacksmiths work for ferry stairs.....	$50.	
" Dock builders acct admitted.....	47.50	
" Bill for plank "	41.84	
" Ditto for timber "	45.	
" Do for stone "	20.	
" half years rent deducted.....	60.	
	264.34	
Interest on the above from March 18 to July 1805.	96.66	
Ballance of Wm Furmans acct as Superintendant of the fly Market Ferry.....	254.83	
		617.83
Issued Warrt No 1557 Balance due Wm Furman.....		$150.90

Errors Excepted.

July 29. 1805 Bjn Romaine

Ordered that the same be confirmed and the Resolution thereby recommended pass accordingly

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrants

Nos 1543	Jacob De La Montagnie Esqr Treasurer of board of Health	$400.
1544	Richard Terney for paving.....	180.

Nos 1545	John Meghan for paving		$120.
[322]1546	Thomas Boyle for paving		100.
1547	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch		211.96
1548	William Van Wart	Do	211 96/100
1549	Magnus Beekman	Do	197 96/100
1550	William Peterson	Do	197 96/100
1551	Hugh Goble	Do	148 96/100
1552	Gad Dumbolton	Do	148 96/100
1553	Malcom McEuen for repairing lead pipes		5.
1554	Bartholemew Skaats ringing Bells		21.
1555	Henry Gattey for Mathematical Instruments		62.
1556	Robert Sickles for lighting and Cleaning City Lamps		308.91

In Common Council August 12. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor.

Mangle Minthorne George Janeway Wynant Van Zandt Junior Abraham King William W Gilbert James Drake Jacob De la Montagnie Philip Brasher James Fairlie	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Mott Joseph Board Jacob Shute Simon Van Antwerp Samuel M Hopkins	Assistants

A petition of the Congregation of Shearith Israel [323] stating that Caleb Vandenberg had improperly used a seal resembling theirs to affix upon meat was referred to the Market Committee

Returns from Captains Petersons Beekmans and Dumboltons watch companies were referred to the Watch Committee

John Striker junior was appointed a fireman of Company No 3 instead of Samuel Downing resigned Samuel Nichols was appointed a Fireman to Company No 7 Charles Roe Cartman of Chamber Street was appointed a Fireman to Company No 1 instead of Sebe Brinkerhoff resigned Richard Kip No 154 Broad way was appointed a Fireman to Company No 24 instead of Richard Panter removed and Richard M Bowne Druggist was appointed a Fireman to Company No 13 instead of Thomas Phœbus removed

Petitions of Philip Romaine. Stephen Hilliker Junior and Christian Harriot for Butchers stalls was referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Hercules Mulligan to be employed in inspecting Wood at the Corporation slip was referred to the Committee on that subject

Ordered that the Counsel of the board issue a Writ of possession

in the ejectment Suit, against Kip whenever a judgment shall be obtained.

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the Suspension of Daniel Gannon a Watchman in Captain Dumboltons company be confirmed.

A petition of certain Bakers for compensation for baking during the inclement season last winter was referred to the Superintendant of the alms house

A petition of Charles M^{c}Carthy for remission [324] of a penalty for selling liquors without licence was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

Petitions of Leonard Kline. William Kline Matthias Tiers and John B Smith for stands in the Fish market were referred to the Markets Committee

On reading the representation of William Lawrence G. N. Bleecker and Stephen Van Wyck Attorney of John Thurman Ordered that the Street Commissioner be authorized to fix the line where the blocks of the petitioners on Front Street shall be sunk

Petitions of Caleb Vandenbergh for a stand in Catharine Market and of David Marsh for a stand in the Fish market were referred to the Market Committee

A petition of Christian Nestell and others for an additional watch in Hague Street was referred to the Watch Committee

A petition for a well at the corner of Hammond Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eight ward

Ordered that the Market Committee be directed to report upon the subject of selling meats out of market

A petition for a well in Lombard Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward.

Petitions for Buckets in the Alms house were referred to the Committee on the Fire department

[325] An account from the Comptroller of monies expended for filling in the Collect was referred to Alderman Gilbert De la Montagnie and Board who reported the same to be correct. Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances. numbered from N^{o} 1770 to 1774 Ordered that the same pass the board

Ordered that the proceedings with respect to the drain in Beaver Street be suspended until the next meeting of the Board And that

the papers respecting the same be referred to Mr Bloodgood Van Antwerp and Hopkins

The Street Commissioner reported assessments for regulating Bowery lane Stanton Pearl and North Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported assessments for regulating Division, Orchard and Arundel Streets Ordered that the same be confirmed and Hugh Montgomery appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances for paving parts of Ann Street and Broadway Ordered that the same be confirmed and Edward Moran appointed Collector

Ordered that David Jacobs have leave to erect a lime house in Harison Street and Alderman King in Stanton Street under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward

Resolved that the Road Committee cause a profile of the middle road to be made with a view to regulate the same in a permanent manner and that they report so much thereof as ought to be completed this Season

[326] Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts Nos		
1558	Philip J Arcularius. Superintendant of Alms house in advance for the support of that Establishment.....	$3000.
1559	Jacob Dela Montagnie Esquire Treasurer of the Board of health	500.
1560	John H Sickles Treasurer of Building Committee.....	2000.
1561	Benjamin Romaine for dirt to be carted into collect....	1000.
1562	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....	217 56/100
1563	William Van Wart do	217 56/100
1564	Magnus Beekman Do	197 99/100
1565	William Peterson do	197 99/100
1566	Hugh Gobel do	148 99/100
1567	Gad Dumbolton do	148 99/100
1568	James Cheetham. printing for Superintendant of Scavengers	80 88/100
1569	James Hardy for services.....	62 50/100
1570	Tunis Wortman a quarters salary as Clerk.....	150.
1571	Beekman M Van Beuren working public roads.....	361 67/100
1572	James Hogan for paving.....	100.
1573	William Mooney for upholsterers work.....	125 19/100
1574	Edward Moran for Services.....	54.
1575	Andrew Otterson for Services.....	54.
1576.	John McKenzie for attending potters field.....	92.
1577	William McIntosh for attending observatory.....	52.
1578	John Bogert for carriage hire.....	7 50/100

Nos	1579	John J Post for rugs.....	$18.
	1580	Inspector of State prison, articles furnished Alms house	208 79/100
	1581	John Burger Coroners fees.....	168 97/100
	1582	Thomas and James Stevenson Blacksmiths work.....	178 77/100

[327] In Common Council. August 19. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Mangle Minthorne Abraham King Wynant Van Zandt Junior James Drake George Janeway William W Gilbert James Fairlie	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Shute Andrew Morris Clarkson Crolius Abraham Bloodgood Simon Van Antwerp Joseph Board	Assistants

A petition of the English Trinity Church praying for a foot of ground along the fence of the yard of St Pauls Church was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Jacob Tier for a stand in the Fish market or in Catherine Market. A petition of John Harman for stand No 35 Hudson market, of Benjamin Davis for stand No 37 Hudson market. A petition of John Hilleker to sell meat in the ninth ward, and of Thomas Corleys for a stand in Catherine Market were referred to the Market Committee

A petition of the inhabitants in Roosevelt Street respecting the Arch in that Street was referred to Alderman Van Zandt King and Mr Mott

A Complaint of Samuel Cox against Captain Gobel was referred to the Watch Committee

[328] An account of the Attorney of the Board was referred to Alderman Drake Mr Crolius and Mr Van Antwerp

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board commence proceedings against the Ship Polly for bringing passengers from Ireland and the Sloop Fanny for bringing them from Amboy

Ordered that the Lamp Committee enquire with respect to Lamps broken in the neighbourhood of the State prison and in Greenwich Street

A communication of John Murray respecting the Water Lots between the new and Catherine Slips was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A communication of George Wallgrove respecting infringements of

the law for the sale of hay was referred to Alderman Janeway. Minthorne and Mr Van Antwerp

A petition of Anthony Lispenard and others for a new ferry across the Hudsons river between Deklyns ferry and the Market was referred to Alderman Janeway, Mr Van Antwerp and Mr Board.

A petition against raising the Bowery lane was referred to Mr Mott, Crolius. and Bloodgood.

Returns of delinquents for regulating Elizabeth Street between Grand and Prince Streets and for the Bulk head at Charlotte [329] Slip were received. Ordered that Warrants issue

A petition of Daniel Brooks and others that Robert Kenah have liberty to sell meat in Division Street was referred to the Market Committee

In consideration of the extraordinary and meritorious services heretofore rendered this City by James Hardie during the prevalence of malignant fever, and the necessity that may hereafter exist for them Resolved if the said James Hardie in the execution of his duty as Secretary or agent of the Board of health during the prevalence of malignant fever in this City should by exposing or exerting himself unfortunately take the same and thereby lose his life that this board will make adequate provision for his family

Ordered that the Market Committee report upon the propriety of permitting any persons but regular Butchers and Country people who vend the Meat they raise from selling the same in market

Ordered that this board will allow to Thomas Williams driver of the public hearse the sum of Fifty Dollars for his past services and an annual salary of One hundred Dollars for his services in future commencing from the first of August instant

The board of health reported a contract with Henry Carpenter and George Tompkins to build two mud machines Ordered that the same be confirmed and the seal of the Board affixed thereto.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner together with the Attorney of the Board be directed to make the necessary investigation touching the right of John Kortright to a piece of Land lately taken possession of by him, and which there is cause to [330] believe is a part of the public road leading to Harlaem lane

Ordered that this board will contribute the usual allowance towards a well at the corner of Hammond and George Street

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs remove two pumps in

Mulberry Street and one in Catherine Street which stand in the middle of the same

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for paving Sixth Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner has been frequently applied to for the determination of the Common Council relative to the plan he projected for improving the Bowery road; and it is with considerable reluctance he brings forward a subject which has already been reported upon by the Committee to whom it was referred; and he only feels himself excusable as the report has laid over for further consideration.

The Board will confer a considerable obligation upon the proprietors of Ground through which the road is to pass, if they revive the subject, and determine [331] upon the principle, "whether this plan is not preferable to the former, and if so, whether they determine to order it in that direction."

The difficulties which have arisen at the Common Council Board relative to the angular line near Mr Morris's may be left for future consideration, if the Board have not made up an opinion upon that particular, But the importance of a decision upon the whole Street ought not to depend upon such a small objection.

All which is respectfully Submitted

John S Hunn,
Street Comr

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner,

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent, That he has been applid to by Mr Barrow in behalf of the Corporation of Trinity Church for permission to set their intended Brick Wall on the North Side of St Pauls Church one foot further in Vesey Street, to preserve a row of valuable trees unfortunately placed too near the present fence.

Vesey Street is about 64 feet wide, These trees are large & beautiful; and it would be a pity to cut them down. No inconvenience would result from granting the request, as the walks on that side of the Street will be [332] unincumbered with stoops or cellar doors.

The Street Commissioner understands from Mr Barrow that they will leave out an equal number of Square feet in Church Street, if this

application is granted, or execute a Lease for the ground in Vesey Street subject to an annual moderate quit rent, and for a determined period.

If it is not altogether inconsistent to suffer this encroachment on the Street The Street Commissioner hopes he will be excused by offering his opinion, that the application of the Corporation of Trinity Church ought to be complied with.

All which is respectfully Submitted
John S Hunn St Cm

Ordered, that the Same be confirmed.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner,

The Comptroller, & Street Commissioner to whom it was referred to treat with Mess: Laurance & King for ten feet of ground to widen Leonard Street, from Broadway to Elm Street have the honor to report,

That they have had several conversations with those gentlemen on that subject, and that the lowest offer they have been able to procure was an actual Sale to the Corporation upon [333] the same terms the ground on the other side of Broadway was attained from Mr Quackenboss (which was at the rate of twenty three hundred dollars for about One hundred & Sixty feet) & that they be released from any assessment the Corporation may impose to raise the money

Your Committee have calculated the price now demanded to exceed Five Thousand dollars and as they are of opinion, it is too much, considering the advantages a wide Street will be to the residue of these gentlemens property, they have informed them that they declined to report favorably of their proposals.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the ten feet of Ground from Broadway to Elm Street (including some belonging to the Corporation) be taken by the usual mode; which Messr Laurance & King have no Objection to.

All which is respectfully Submitted
Bnj Romaine
John S Hunn St Cm

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner,

The Street Commissioner to whom it was referred to Treat with the Heir of Mr Frederick Rhinelander for the Lot of ground on the North side of Jay Street, has the honor to report,

That he has called several times on Mr Rhinelander his son & Heir

to Know what he was willing to take for his right in the premises [334] to be taken to widen Jay Street without being able to obtain from him a definitive answer. That Mr Rhinelander has no objection that the same be taken by assessment and has deferred building in consequence of this contemplated improvement.

The Street Commissioner has made some enquiry, and consulted Mr Harrison relative to Mr Rhinelanders Title, from which it appears Mr Rhinelander purchased upon a Forty foot Street and That he has a fee simple claim to the lot in question. It is therefore the Opinion of the Street Commissioner that a precept ought to issue to take it by the usual mode.

All which is respectfully Submitted
John S Hunn St C

Ordered that the Same be confirmed;

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner represents to the Board that the house erected to cover the floating engine at the bottom of Roosevelt Street stands several feet into front Street, and it will be necessary to remove it further into the river to enable the dock Builders to sink a Block to form Front Street agreeably to the order of the 27. day of may last.

The Corporation owning the ground [335] adjoining Roosevelt Street on the West Side, are bound (as an individual in the like cases) to make half of front Street, as mentioned in the Ordinance. Mr Beekman, Mr Agnew, Mr Miller, & Mr Franklin, who own the Lots contiguous to this spot are willing to unite with the Common Council to carry out the blocks together and fill in the same by contract. Each person to contribute in proportion to their front, and to the quantity of ground to be covered: And have applied for the consent of the Common Council to the plan.

As it will cost considerably less money to do this collectively, there is no doubt in the mind of the Street Commissioner that the Common Council will comply; and he asks their permission to unite in the Contract as aforesaid.

John S Hunn St Cmr

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

Alderman Drake
Mr Van Antwerp
and Mr Bloodgood
} Were appointed a Committee, to examine and take orders upon the case of Patrick Gannon a pauper.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the treasurer, to pay,

Issd Warrts

Nº	1586, Cornelius Warner for dock logs	$622 44/100
	1587, Clarkson Crolius Esqr chairman of Committee of repairs for building ferry house at Brooklyn	600.
	1588, Joseph Webb, repairing City Lamps	45 87/100
	1589, Edward Meeks Blacksmiths work	152 81/100
	1590, Thomas Boyle, repairing Streets	78 73/100
[336]	1591, Arthur Johnson, Carting	143 50/100
	1592, Abraham Stagg, Carting dirt	33.
	1593, John Hoogland, Watch hats	28 12½/100
	1594, Abraham Bininger, Do Do	18 75/100
	1595, John Hardy, Services	36 75/100
	1596, Philip Jones, Watch hats	25.
	1597, Thomas Hazard a quarters salary inclusive of keepers'	437 50/100
	1598, Conrad Jordan, repairing Lamps	16 50/100
	1599, R Dodge, Do Do	39 50/100

[337] In Common Council, August 26, 1805

Present, Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor

William W Gilbert, Mangle Minthorne, Jacob Dela Montagnie, Wynant Van Zandt Junr Abraham King, George Janeway, Philip Brasher, James Drake,	Esquires, Aldermen,	Andrew Morris, Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob Mott, Simon Van Antwerp, Jacob Shute, Clarkson Crolius Joseph Board	Assistants,

A Petition, of Isaac L Miller, for a stand in Catherine market, of John B Tenbroeck for a stand in the same market, of John Fitzgerald for a stand in the same market, of Matthias Flager for Stand No 51, Fly Market, of Henry Rosekrantz for a stand in Catherine Market, of John K Flou for a Stand in the Fish or Catherine Market, of George Washington Varian for a Stand in the Fish Market, of Peter Wilson for leave to sell meat in the Bowery, of Samuel Martin for a stand in Hudson Market, and of Thomas Hobbs for a Stand in the Fish or Catherine Market, and of Adam Hartell for a stand in Hudson Market; were referred to the Market Committee.

[338] A Petition, from several of the Inhabitants that Butchers stands be placed in the Fish Market, was referred to Alderman Dela Montagnie, King, Mr Morris, Mott, and Crolius.

Petitions, respecting amendments in the regulations of measurers

of grain were referred to Alderman Gilbert, Mr Board, Bloodgood, Van Antwerp, and Warner.

A Petition of John Prows to be employed in lighting Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Petition of Charles Langley to be relieved from a fine for selling Liquors without licence was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Gulian McEvers and Company, that John Fink may be permitted to sell meat in the 9, Ward, was referred to the Market Committee.

Proposals, of Anthony Smith to complete the road near his house, was referred to the Road Committee.

Upon, receiving the report of the Watch Committee; Ordered, that the suspension of Abraham Odell, John Richardson, and James Frost, of Captain Dumboltons Company be confirmed; That Joshua Sherwood, Abel Halbroock, Peter Paulding, Moses Bishop, Jacob Banta, Richard Wheeler, Robert Furlong and Henry Mead, be appointed Watchmen to Captain Petersons Company, instead of Joseph Brotherton, Henry Storms, John Strang, John [339] Sibert, Nicholas Pitt, Adam Hyler, and John Benson, resigned, and Thomas Forbes displaced, and that Henry Lownsberry, Paul Green, Edward Sutton John Bennet, and William Duncan be appointed substitutes to the said Company. that Stephen Thorn, John Addington, John McMannis Lewis Noe, John Mahanay, John Trenchard, Joseph Alden, and George Philips, be appointed Watchmen of Captain Beekmans Company, instead of Bazillar Ransom, Joseph Parker, Lewis Guest, Timothy Clark, William Campbell, Isaac Pangburn, Cornelius Ludlum, and Arthur Miller resigned; and that Thomas Jennings, Leonard Quackenboss, Abraham Bracaw, Adam Miller, James Homes, Thaddeus Smith, Jacob Shaut, David Wheeler, Abraham Hart, and William Hyer, be appointed Substitutes of the said Company.

James Roberts of No: 16, Liberty Street Painter, was appointed a Fireman, to Company No; 16; instead of Archibald Davie resigned.

A complaint of Jacob Banker against the attorney of the Board was referred to Aldermen Gilbert, Van Zandt, & Mr Van Antwerp

A Petition of John Quackenboss and others respecting the assessment of Cherry Street, was referred to the Committee on that subject.

A Petition of Samuel Brewster to be permitted to reside with his family in the alms House, was referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the application of the Superintendant of the alms House, with respect to a compensation in lieu of residing in the said house.

Models for curing smoaky chimnies presented by W^m Moore, were referred, to M^r Crolius, Hopkins & Board.

[340] The following report was received, to wit,

The Committee to whom was referred a Communication from one of the weighers of Hay report,

That they have examined the Late Ordinance, regulating the sale of Hay, and find no provision is made designating Certain Docks and Slips for regulating the Landing of that usefull and necessary Article; We recommend that the Eleventh Section of an Ordinance passed 18^th april 1803 be revised;

All which is respectfully Submitted

Geo: Janeway
Mangle Minthorne,
Simon Van Antwerp,

Resolved, that the Clerk be directed to draw a Suplimentary Law Comporting with the afore mention[ed] report.

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

The Committee to whom it was referred to consider and report upon the assessment for extending the upper part of Cherry Street, having reported the same to be unequal, and recommend that a new assessment be ordered. Ordered, that the former assessments be disapproved; that a new assessment take place, and that Thomas Timpson, John M^cComb, John Youle, Richard Furman, and Gilbert Coutant be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner, reported the assessment of ground taken to widen Warren [341] Street; Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported estimates for making the road near Kissing Bridge, the same was referred to the road Committee.

The Street Commissioner reported that he is unable to discover the Owners of the Lots of Ground returned by the Collector as delinquents in the Assessments for regulating Walnut Street: Ordered, that the Sum of $254 $\frac{8}{100}$ be paid to Abraham Van Gelder the Collector, whenever the contract for the said Street shall be completed; and that the same remain a lien upon the Lots assessed according to Law.*

Upon receiving the report of the Street Commissioner; Ordered, that a lease for 63 Years be granted to the Corporation of Trinity Church for one foot of ground of Vezey Street adjoining the Church yard fence at the annual rent of Five Shillings.

* Marginal note reads *Lien on Lots in Walnut Street $254.8.*—ED.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom the petition of John Murray was referred, have the honor to report,

That they have examined the premises mentioned by the petitioner, and find they are inconveniently situated for commerce and within the permanent line.

That as front Street has been Ordered, to be made to the West Side of James's Slip; it would not be improper to extend the line to [342] Catharine Slip; but that it would be improper so to do, unless additional peirs were made to protect the Shipping.

Your reporters, are however of Opinion that the proprietors ought to petition the Corporation, (if there is a majority of them inclined to this measure) to extend their peirs as aforesaid. And that when such petition is preferred, it ought to be granted, Provided they would engage to abide by the regulations of the Common Council; as to the position of said Piers, take out their grants within three months after the Corporation may fix the prices thereon & pay the quits on said grant from the date of their petition.

All which is respectfully Submitted

Aug^{t} 26, 1805, B^{n} Romaine
John S Hunn S C

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner to wit.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Garret B Abeel and relative to an assessment for intersections of James Slip and Water Street, has the honor to report,

That the report of a Committee upon the petition of Abraham Stagg on the 13. of February last, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner to be paid for having said intersections be granted, was agreed to by the Board, and an [343] Ordinance was passed in conformity thereto, to assess the amount thereof upon the inhabitants benefited thereby.

It appears to the Street Commissioner that this Committee did not advert to the situation of ground for which M^{r} Stagg was to be paid; for they have allowed him for the intersection at the same rate he did the rest of the Street including brick and curbstone; when it is plain it ought to have been much less; as neither brick or Curbstone are included in the space for which he claimed compensation.

By a law of the State, passed in April 1801, the Corporation are to be charged with one third of the expence of improving the Public

Slips This has been omitted by the assessors in the case before us; but with no good reason as this intersection fronts the head of the Slip, and the open space between the Slip and Cherry Street, containing about seventy feet, along the Slip by thirty five feet in breadth, as stated in the petition.

It is only certain that if this work had been done separately from Mr Staggs Contract it would not have cost above one hundred dollars, but by the statement, it is estimated at Dolls 184.90—besides expences of assessing and Collecting.

The Street Commissioner is therefore of the Opinion, that as the Corporation are bound to pay one third, and the assessment is far beyond a reasonable sum for the work that has been done. The Common Council ought to pay one half of the above, to wit, Dolls, 92.45, toward [344] the said assessment.

Street Commr office Augt 5, 1805

All which is respectfully Submitted
John S Hunn St: Cm

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner, to wit.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Common Council Authorizing the Street Commissioner to contract for sinking a pier at the lower end of Reed Street; he has the honor to report, That he has Contracted with Peter and Elias Dob to build said Pier in the best and most substantial manner, two hundred & fifty feet beyond the permanent line, to consist of blocks of thirty feet square & a solid Ell of 90 feet in front, as well as to repair the Old Wharf, and fill in the whole with earth without farther Costs to the Corporation For Ten thousand Dollars; being two thousand one hundred & fifty dollars less, than the same was estimated for a few weeks ago.

The payments they have agreed to *to* except are these;

A Note of the Comptroller, or any other person the Corporation may authorize to sign in their behalf to be executed in ten days, and payable on,

The 25 October next for	$2000.
Cash On 1st December	2000.
Cash on 1, January	2000.
Cash on 1, February	1000.
Cash on 1, March	1000.
Cash on 1, April	1000.
and the residue on the 1st of May	1000.
Dls	10.000.

[345] Messrs Dobs have already begun the work & made considerable progress therein, and in their contract have engaged to compleat the whole by the first day of December next, & warrant the same to stand firm for one year thereafter

The Street Commissioner believes it to be his duty to make this Communication to the board, and hopes the arrangement of payments will meet their approbation.

All which is respectfully Submitted

Street Commr office
Augt 5, 1805.

John S Hunn St Commr

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner believes it to be his duty to communicate to the Common Council, that the Jury impannel to declare the recompence to be paid to the persons supposed to be injured by extending Broadway; Delivered this Verdict to the Court in writing, signed by them respectively, on the 24, ultimo; and of which the following is a summary—Viz.

		Ds
David Dunham for Building	$1000.	
and for land	.....	1450.
William Schatzel for land	.....	457.
Michael Degray for land	.....	450.
Thomas Burling for Building	900.	
and for Land	.....	1335.
Samuel Burling for land	.....	1187.
and for removing his fence	50.	
Henry Post & Christ. M Slocum for land	.....	62.50
John Hanmar for land	.....	50.
Abraham Cargell for land	.....	45.
Wm Schatzel for an Other piece of land not connected with the above	.....	35.00
	1950.	
amount for Land		5071.50
amount for Buildings		1950.
Making together	Dolls.	7021.50

[346] The Street Commissioner further informs that Thomas

Burling has moved for a new trial upon the ground, that the verdict of the Jury does not allow him a compensation for his Buildings.

All Which is respectfully Submitted.

S C Office John S Hunn S[t] Com[r]
Aug[t] 5, 1805.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Report of the Street Commissioner relative to chatham Street was referred to the Committee on that subject.

A Petition of Henry S Brooks to be released from a penalty for permitting persons to tipple in his house, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Communication of the Coroner, stating the dangerous situation of a part of the Collect, was referred to the Committee of Public repairs with authority to take proper measures to remove the danger.

The following Ordinance passed the *the* Board, to wit, Whereas, many Boys and others are in the constant practise of flying or raising Kites in and near the City thereby occasioning fright to horses, and endangering the lives of persons travelling.

Be it Ordained, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that from and after the passing of this Ordinance, if any person or persons whomsoever shall raise or fly any kite in any highway, Street, lane or alley within two miles of the City Hall, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Dollars for each offence to be recovered with costs of suit, in any Court having cognizance of the same; and if the person or persons so [347] offending, shall be a minor, apprentice, or slave, the said fine shall be recoverable from his or their Father, Mother, Master, or Mistress, together with costs of suit.

The following report being received, to wit,

The Street Commissioner is under the necessity of again mentioning to the Board that M[r] Stuyvesant further opposes the regulating of Streets on Delancy's ground wherein he is interested. He owns part of Stanton, from Orchard to Norfolk Streets, which is included in his fence, and he objects to opening the street, unless he is exonerated from the expence of regulating it.

as this case is similar to that of North Street, the Street Commissioner begs leave to propose a reference to the same Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Street Com[r] John S Hunn
office, Aug 12. 1805

The Committee to whom the above communication was referred, have the honor to report, That they are already acquainted with the situation of the premises, and are of opinion that the street be opened by the usual course of Law.

Jas Drake
Clarkson Crolius,

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay:

		Isd Warrts	
Nos	1599	Clarkson Crolius Esqr chairman of Committee of Public repairs for ferry House at Brooklyn	$600.
	1600	Jacob Dela Montagnie Esqr Chairman, of Board of Health	1200.
	1601	Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	217 55/100
	1602	William Van Wart Do	217 55/100
	1603	Magnus Beekman Do	197 90/100
[348]	1604	William Peterson, City Watch	197 90/100
	1605	Hugh Gobel, Do	148 80/100
	1606	Gad Dumbolton Do	148 80/100
	1607	John Miglan, for paving	87 75/100
	1608	James Cheetham for Printing	452 45/100
	1609	Cornelius Warner, for Dock logs	1854.
	1610	John Farrington for Attending Battery	8.
	1611	Bartholemew Skaats ¼ salary including assistant	134 20/100
	1612	Charles Van Orden a quarters rent of room for City Watch	25.
	1613	Samuel Montgomery & Barnet Newkirk for attending fly Market	54.
	1614	Richard Terny for paving	66 50/100
	1615	Thomas Boyle for paving	67 25/100
	1616	James Hogan Do	100.

[349] In Common Council, September 2, 1805.

Present, Dewitt Clinton Esquire Mayor,
Maturin Livingston Esquire, Recorder,

Philip Brasher, James Drake, Mangle Minthorne, Wynant Van Zandt Junr Abraham King, George Janeway, William W Gilbert.	Esquires, Aldermen.	Andrew Morris, Jacob Mott, Abraham Bloodgood, Simon Van Antwerp, Jacob Shute, Samuel M Hopkins, Clarkson Crolius, Joseph Board, — Assistants.

A petition of Samuel B Harper and others, against placing stalls in the Fish Market, was referred to the Committee on that subject.

Petitions of Joseph Watkins and Others for a new ferry from the market in Greenwich Street; and of Gabriel V Ludlow and others for a Ferry from the Foot of Duane Street; were referred to the Committee on that subject.

A Petition of Charles M^cCarthy respecting his lease at the corner of Cherry Street; was referred to the Comptroller.

The Petition of William Lawrence [350] respecting filling up his Water Lot at the foot of Dover Street, was referred to Aldermen, Janeway, Drake and M^r Mott.

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee; Ordered, that Isaac Varian, Peter Valentine, and Philip Bowerham, have stands in the Catherine Market, and Peter Chapel a stand in the Oswego Market.

The following report was received from the Watch Committee,

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the suspension of "Dugall Campbell and Samuel Dunn, for being suspected of detaining in an unlawful way a Black Lead Pencil, and a silver case, from Daniel Cromwell," submit the following report

That they have diligently investigated the circumstances of the above case, and find that not the least cause of suspicion attaches to the above named Samuel Dunn, in that case, and as he produces unexceptionable testimonials of his good character, and of his being a good Watchman; The Committee recommend that he be restored to his former situation, in Captain Dumbolton's Company. As respects the Case of M^r Campbell, the Committee cannot at present undertake to pronounce, as it is in a Train of legal Investigation. Sept 2^nd 1805.

J D L Montagnie
George Janeway.

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

[351] The Petition of Isaac Emmons and others, for the opening Bayards Street, of John Murphy to purchase a strip of ground in Augustus Street, and of William Smith and others, to make the pier in George Street, were referred to the Street Commissioner.

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee, in the case of Caleb Vandenberg, for affixing the Jewish Seal to meat; Ordered, that he be suspended, as a Butcher.

A Petition of Garret B Abeel respecting the proceedings against the ship Polly, for landing passengers contrary to law, was referred to Alderman Brasher, Drake, and M^r Crolius

The Petition of Moses Scott and others farmers of Troy, and Lansingburg for the regulation of measurers of grain, was referred to the Committee on that subject.

Resolved, that it shall be lawful for the Mayor, whenever he shall think proper to grant Licences, or permissions to such persons as he may think fit, to carry about, and sell meat, in Carts or other carriages, at any place northward of the Three mile stone, in the ninth ward.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Prow to be employed in lighting Lamps, reported, against the prayer of his petition. Ordered, that the said report be confirmed.

A Petition, of Samuel H Purdy to be released from a penalty for selling liquors contrary to Law, was referred to the Attorney of Board.

[352] A Petition of Nicholas Boyce for a stand in the Catherine Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

Returns from Captains Lawrences's and Petersons Watch Companies, were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Proposition of Mr Zabriske to furnish wood to the board, was referred to the Superintendant of the Alms house

The Attorney of the Board reported, in favor of the remission of the fine of Henry S Brooks, for selling Liquors contrary to Law; Ordered, that the Board do not consent to remit the same.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner to whom the petition of John Vreelandt and others, was referred, praying that an Ordinance might be passed to brick the walks of the Bowery road, has the honor to report.

That an Ordinance has been passed, to order that portion of the Bowery to be filled in with gravel, & curbstones laid; and that a contract had been made with Messrs Gosman and McComb to do the Work previous to the reference of the above mentioned petition. That if an Ordinance was now to be passed, to fill in the walks with sand, it would not only delay the execution of the work until very late in the Fall, but so materially interfere with the contract already made with Gosman and McComb, as to produce great confusion with the workmen [353] and great difficulty in apportioning the Assessments

That he has consulted Messrs Gosman and Macomb and finds they will be willing to substitute sand in the place of the Gravel, and lay the walks for such of the proprietors as wish it, at a fair price to be agreed upon between them, without the necessary interference of the Corporation.

The Street Commissioner believes under these circumstances, that the prayer of the petitioners, so far as it relates to the compulsotary measure of the Common Council, ought not to be granted; But that

they be recommended to agree with the present Contractors, to make the desired alteration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

St Comr office
Sept 2d 1805

John S Hunn St Comr

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner,

The Street Commissioner has the honor to present to the Common Council two Ordinances to compell the proprietors of Water Lots between Georges Slip, and Charlotte Slip to finish a Bulk head and fill in the same, which they were directed to do by an Ordinance passed near a year ago. It becomes necessary to enforce this by a new Ordinance, as the Bulkheads have all been sunk, except one hundred feet, owned by Basil Bartow and Nicholas Depeyster, which being neglected, leaves an opening in the wharf, and prevents the other proprietors from filling in to advantage

All which is respectfully submitted

John S Hunn St Com

[354] Ordered, that the same be confirmed, and the Ordinances thereby recommended, passed accordingly.

The Street Commissioner presented a report respecting Leonard and Magazine Streets Ordered that the same be referred to the Recorder Alderman Brasher, Mr Hopkins, and the Street Commissioner.

The following ordinance being presented to the Board, to wit,

A Law to prevent unauthorized persons from exercising the Office of Measurer, passed 1805,

1st Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that if any person not holding an appointment Under this Corporation shall exercise the Office of a measurer, to measure any Article except Lumber, or Wood of any description for himself, or for any other person, for any purpose whatsoever except for the immediate and sole use of such person so measuring, and not for the purpose of Sale thereafter, such person shall forfeit and pay ten Dollars for each Offence; and in case of Measuring Lumber or Wood of any description, such unauthorised person so measuring shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty Dollars for each Offence.

2nd And Be it further Ordained, that the Law entitled, "A Law

to amend the Law, concerning measurers," passed 27th May, 1805 be and the same is hereby repealed: And that so much of the 4th Section of the Law entitled, [355] "A Law to regulate the fees of Weighmasters, and Measurers", as relates to the penalties for measuring be and the same is hereby repealed. Alderman Brasher moved the division thereupon, and the same passed as follows, to wit,

Affirmative,	Negative,
Alderman, Drake,	The Recorder,
Minthorne,	Alderman, Brasher,
Janeway,	Van Zandt
Gilbert,	King,
Mr Mott,	Morris,
Bloodgood	Van Antwerp
Shute	Hopkins.
Crolius	
Board	

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to negociate a Loan for $20,000, and that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to a Bond for the same.

Ordered, that Jacob Barker be permitted to erect a vault in Beekman Street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Resolved, that the sum of $500 be advanced to W Tomlinson to be applied by him in constructing such machinery upon *upon* the principle of his new invented [356] hydrautic Engine as he may think likely to be applicable to the service of this Board, and most useful therein, said sum to be accounted for on Oath, and repaid to the Board before any other subscribers in such machinery as he may make, and in an account of expences incident thereto. Such advance to be issued, upon account to be signed by the Mayor, when he shall receive satisfactory assurances that the sum of One thousand Dollars has been subscribed for the same purpose by individuals And when the said Tomlinson shall give satisfactory security for the due application of the said sum of 500 Dollars to the Object aforesaid.

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorised to issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay:

Issd Warrants

No	1637, John H Sickles Treasurer of Building Committee, for the use of the said Committee.....	$4000
	1638, Samuel Cowdry Attorney of the Board for Money advanced by him	$200

[357] In Common Council, September 9, 1805

Present. Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Mangle Minthorne, George Janeway, Jacob Dela Montagnie, James Drake, Wynant Van Zandt Junr Philip Brasher, Abraham King,	Esquires, Aldermen.	Jacob Mott Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob Shute, Clarkson Crolius, Andrew Morris, Simon Van Antwerp Samuel M Hopkins	Assistants

A Petition of John McCawl to be released from a penalty for selling Liquors without licence, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of William Few for Liberty to place bricks and lime in Robinson Street; was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Caleb Vandenburgh to be reinstated as a Butcher, was referred to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer of the petition if he shall deem it expedient.

A Petition of Dirck Amerman to repair the ferry house at Brooklyn, was referred to the Committee of repairs, with instructions that it be done.

[358] A Petition of Samuel Piercy to sell meat at Corlaers hook, A Petition of Charles Weatherspoon for stand No: 33: Hudson Market, and a Petition of Miles Greenwood to remove his vitualling tables; were referred to the Market Committee.

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee; Ordered that John Harriot have the Stand in Hudson Market, lately occupied by Isaac Varian.

Samuel Rosett of No. 43, Partition Street, Shoemaker, was appointed a fireman of Company No 14, instead of Garret Neefee resigned.

A Petition of Asa Hall, and others against filling up a street and of Frederick Risler for permission to make a drain from Skinner to Frankford Street, were referred to the Street Commissioner.

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee; Ordered, that Moses Dunenberry be suspended as a Watchman, and that, Joshua Sherwood be reinstated as a Watchman of Captain Peterson's Company;

Assessments for regulating Pump and Chatham Streets, were received, and confirmed; and John Bussing appointed Collector of the assessment in Pump Street, and Edward Moran of the assessment in Chatham Street.

[359] Resolved that the sum of $250 be advanced to Mr Tomlinson

in such security as the Mayor may deem sufficient for faithful application of that sum towards carrying into effect the construction of machinery upon the principle of his new invented hydraulic Machine, and in other respects to be accounted for upon the principles contained in the resolution of this Board of Monday last.

Resolved, that the Comptroller under the direction of the Mayor, be authorized to borrow, from time to time a sum of money not *not* exceeding $50,000, on the Credit of this Board, and to affix the public seal to a Bond, or Bonds for that purpose, and to place from time to time at the disposition of the Board of Health such sums as the public emergences may require.

Resolved, that the Watch of this City be put under the direction of the Board of Health, during the prevalence of the Epidemic, subject nevertheless to the control of the Common Council; and that the said Board of Health be empowered to increase the number and compensation of the Watch, and to order the payment for their services, and to vary their stations, and make such other arrangements into, in relation thereto as the public arrangements may require.

Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended [360] to the Board of Health to perform the requisite measures for the preservation of the City against fire, and that the fire department be also put under the direction of the said Board of Health during the prevalence of the Epidemic as aforesaid.

Resolved, that the Board of Health be also empowered to take such measures as may be requisite for the accomodation and support of the poor who may be deprived of subsistence during the existence of the decease aforesaid.

Resolved, that the Butchers of this City be authorized to remove to such positions, south, of the three miles stone as may be assigned to them by the Market Committee.

Resolved, that every member of the Common Council shall be a constituent member of the Board of Health, and have a voice in their proceedings: provided nevertheless, that five members of the said Board of Health shall be a quorum as heretofore to transact business.

Resolved that all the officers of the Board be enjoined to obey the directions of the Board of Health in relation to the duties of their respective departments during the recess of the Common Council.

Resolved, that the Justices of the police be authorized to remove the police Office to the Bridwell, or to such other place as [361] the Board of Health may from time to time assign during the continuance of the Epidemic aforesaid.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants, on the Treasurer, to pay;

Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	217^{56}/_{100}$
William Van Wart, Do,	217^{56}/_{100}$
Magnus Beekman, Do,	197^{96}/_{100}$
William Peterson Do	197^{96}/_{100}$
Hugh Gobel Do	148^{96}/_{100}$
Gad Dumbolton Do	148^{96}/_{100}$
Wm Shatzel for rent of Court room	93^{75}/_{100}$
James Hardy, for services	62^{50}/_{100}$
Cornelius Warner, public repairs	1099 $^{1}/_{100}$
Cornelius Warner, Do Do	995 $^{3}/_{100}$
Beekman M Van Beuren, Making public repairs	383^{77}/_{100}$
Jonas Humbert, salary, as Inspector of bread	82^{75}/_{100}$
Robert Sickles, Do, as superintendant of lamps	100.
Andrew Otterson, for services	54.
Edward Moran, Do Do	54.
Richard Degroat for repairing floating Engine	137^{44}/_{100}$
James Hogan, for paving	100.
John S. Hunn, for carting dirt to Vesey Street	500.
David King, for dinner on 4 July	500.
Mr Tomlinson agreeably to resolution of this day	250.
Abraham Stagg for filling intersection of James Slip	92^{25}/_{100}$
Philip J Arcularius for support of alms House	4000.

[362] In Common Council, September 18, 1805.

Present, Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor,

William W Gilbert,		Jacob Mott,	
Jacob Dela Montagnie,		George J Warner,	
Mangle Minthorne,		Jacob Shute,	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr	Esquires,	Andrew Morris,	Assistants.
Philip Brasher,	Aldermen.	Clarkson Crolius,	
Abraham King,		Joseph Board,	
George Janeway,			
James Drake,			

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Lawrence for a grant of a Water Lot from the lower end of Dover Street, to South Street, reported in favor of the application. Resolved, that a Water grant issue in favour of William Lawrence from the front of his grants on the east side of Dover Street to the south side of South Street upon such general quit rent, as the Corporation may establish, and upon Condition that he keep open at least fifteen feet in width from his westerly line along the wharf at Dover Street, and from front to South Streets as a public thoroughfare.

[363] The Mayor informed the Board, that the sum of $20,000, directed to be borrowed by an order of the 2nd instant, had been obtained from the Manhattan Company, and that the further sum of $10,000, parcel of the sum of $50,000, directed to be borrowed by an order of the last meeting, had also been obtained from the said Manhattan Company; which said last mentioned sum of $10,000, had been appropriated as follows, to wit, $4000 to the superintendant of the Alms house, towards the support of that establishment, $3000, to the Board of Health, to be accounted for by that Board, and $3000 to the Comptroller for the contingent expences of the City.

A petition of Barnet Deklyn, respecting the ferry from the state prison wharf; was referred to the ferry Committee.

A report of the Street Commissioner respecting the application of William Few, to deposit Brick and Lime in Robinson Street, and a petition of Hector Sinclair and others against the same, were referred to Mr Mott, Board and Morris.

A Petition for a Pump at the corner of Hester and Mulberry Streets was granted upon the usual terms under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

A Petition of Samuel L Page and others to erect a ferry stairs at Brannon Street; was referred to the ferry Committee.

[364] Ordered, that the Attorney of the Board take immediate measures to have the Writs of Possession executed in the judgment against Mr Kip for ground adjoining to Bellevue.

The Street Commissioner reported assessments for paving, Orchard Street, from Hester to Grand Street, and for the ground taken to widen Leonard Street; Ordered, that the same be confirmed, and that John Bussing be appointed to collect the first, and Oliver Jaques to collect the latter.

A Petition of Robert Bucner, and others against the regulation of the Bowery road, was referred to Alderman King, Mr Gilbert, and Mr Shute.

A memorial of Mr Stuyvesant, respecting the laying out of his streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward.

Alderman Drake, De la Montagnie and Mr Warner. } Were appointed a Committee, to devise a proper plan for defraying the expences of laying out new Streets, and keeping Streets in repair.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay,

John Hardy, for services	$35.
Tunis Wortman ½ a quarter salary as Clerk	75.
[365] Cornelius Warner for public repairs	692.68
Cornelius Warner for public repairs	314. 3
Walter Allen for repairing ferry stairs, at Brooklyn	219.63
John McKenzie attending Potters field	31.
Kimball and Skaats for painting at Bellevue	100.

[366] In Common Council, Sept 25, 1805

Present, De Witt Clinton Esqr Mayor,

William W Gilbert, Mangle Minthorne, Jacob Dela Montagnie, James Drake, George Janeway } Esquires Aldermen

Jacob Mott, Abraham Bloodgood, Joseph Board, Andrew Morris, Clarkson Crolius } Assistants

It was referred to the Lamp Committee to take such measures for the regulation of the City Lamps as they may think expedient.

The Chief Engineer was authorized to station fire Engines at Greenwich, and to form a New Company.

Divie Bethune, Jeremiah F Randolph, Hector Scott, Peter H Wendover and Samuel L Page Junr } Were appointed Fire Wardens of the Eighth Ward

A Petition of Francis Cooper for the regulation of the two first streets parallel and west ward to Broadway, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[367] The road Committee reported, that Dr Van Beuren, the road Master, has on hand a considerable quantity of stone; Ordered that road master or Street Commissioner be authorized to dispose of the same.

The Attorney of the Board reported that the Sheriff had delivered possession of the ground lately recovered against Samuel Kip to the Street Commissioner.

A Letter from William L Bakewell was received, respecting the specimen of American Coal sent to this board; Ordered, that the Clerk be directed to answer the same

Resolved, that an Ordinance be passed to Direct the proprietors of Water Lots on Bullock Street to sink a Bulkhead and fill in the same, between the Bulkhead erected by Abraham Cannon and Marinus

Willett, and that the Street Commissioner prepare such Ordinance by the next Meeting of the Board.

Alderman De la Montagnie, Drake, and Mr Morris } were appointed a Committee with authority to appropriate a sum not exceeding $100, for the relief of George B. Raymond the Marshall who was dangerously wounded by Henry C. Williamson in the performance of his public Duties.

[368] Ordered, that the Attorney of the Board be directed to pursue legal measures for opening Orchard Street.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay,

Issd Wrrts

No: 1649, John H Sickles for Building Committee..... $4000.
1650, John Hogan, for paving..... 42.28

[369] In Common Council; Sept 30, 1805

Present, Dewitt Clinton Esquire Mayor,

Philip Brasher, Jacob Dela Montagnie, Wynant Van Zandt Junr, James Drake, Mangle Minthorne, George Janeway, Abraham King, } Esquires, Aldermen. Abraham Bloodgood, Andrew Morris, Clarkson Crolius, Jacob Mott, Jacob Shute } Assistants.

An Application was received from William Lawrence respecting his Water grant at the foot of Dover Street. Ordered, that Dover Street be continued in its present width from Water Street to front Street; and that Mr Lydig, and Mr Lawrence each give an equal quantity of Land for that purpose.

Alderman Van Zandt, Drake, King, Mr Bloodgood, Crolius, } Were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurers Accounts.

[370] A Petition of Nicholas Lawrence to be appointed a Weigher of Hay at Wallegroves Scales, was referred to the Comptroller, with authority to appoint a person for the present.

A Petition of Benjamin Page and others for the regulation of Hammond Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following report was received from the road Committee, to wit,

The Road Committee, agreeably to the tenor of a resolution of the 12th of August last, directing them to procure a profile of the Middle road, with a view to a permanent regulation thereof, and to

report how much ought to be completed this season; have the honor to make the following partial,

Report,

That in consequence of the absence of the Surveyors, and the sudden appearance of Malignant Fever, they have not yet been able to obtain a complete survey of the Middle road, but they herewith submit a profile of about 1600 feet [371] between the Bridge near the powder house and William Ogden's gate; which they are of opinion deserve the first attention; and is as much as it is probable can be compleated before the ensuing winter.

The regulating red line on the profile cuts down more of the Hill than might be supposed necessary on a slight view of the premises, and this opinion might be supported by a remark, that a faint black line on the profile, which is considerably steeper, is the ascent usually given to hills on a Turnpike. In opposition to this it must be taken into consideration, that although the ascents of the turnpike hills (which are 8 or 9 inches on 10 feet) are sufficiently small to answer the purpose of slow carting in the country, they would be found extremely inconvenient near the City when the passage of carriages are so frequent, and that it is beyond a question that the hill will soon be sunk to that level, if it is not now done. It is further to be observed that the proposed regulation (being above 4½ inches on 10 feet) is a very considerable ascent [372] for a continued line of that length, and that it can be dug down cheaper by one operation, *that* [than] by detached periods.

The Committee believe that a considerable sum may at this time be saved in the expence of this road if as many of the men at Bellevue Gate that are able were employed at such wages as the Street Commissioner in his discretion may suppose they merit, after deducting therefrom a reasonable charge for their diet; The Street Commissioner represents that there are 15 or 20 at that place who are willing to engage in this way, and may be the means of rendering them a real service, while it will be an easy and cheap method of affecting this object.

The Committee intended in a short time to explore the road generally and report what further repairs are in their opinion necessary at this period: But they believe no time ought to be lost in commenc*ed*[ing] that above mentioned. They therefore propose the subjoined [373] resolutions relative to that subject.

all which is respectfully submitted

September 30th 1805

Resolved, that the Middle road from the Bridge near the powder house, to W^m^ Ogdens Gate being a distance of 1586 feet be regulated with a regular ascent of four inches and five hundredths of an inch on every ten feet, conformably to a red line on a profile thereof made by Charles Loss, and dated the twenty fourth instant. To effect which the following alterations will be necessary, Viz; At 100 feet north of the Bridge, it will require 5 feet 6 inches filling, thence 120 feet further requires 6 feet filling, thence 200 feet further it requires 5 feet, 6 inches, thence 100 feet further it requires 3 feet 6 inches filling; then[c]e 80 feet further it remains as it now is, thence 60 feet further it requires 2 feet 6 inches, digging thence 125 feet further it requires 9 feet, 9 inches digging thence 162 feet further it requires 15 feet 4 inches, digging thence 260 feet further it requires 9 feet 9 inches, digging thence 150 feet further it requires 6 feet 9 inches, digging thence 230 feet further at M^r^ Ogdens gate it is to remain as it is now

Resolved that the Street *Commission* [374] Commissioner be directed to employ the men now accomodated at Bellevue gate and other persons as he may find necessary to regulate the portion of the Middle road described in the preceding resolution.

Ordered, that the same be confirmed and the resolutions thereby recommended passed accordingly.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to sink a Bulk head, at the east end of Bullock Street; Ordered, that the same pass the Board.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay,

Issd Warrts.

No. 1651,	Cornelius Warner for sundries	$24.62
1652,	Cornelius Warner for Boards	71.90
1653,	Cornelius Warner for Boards etc	239.97
1654,	Cornelius Warner for Dock stone	70.
1655,	Cornelius Warner for Dock stone	105.
1656,	Cornelius Warner for Dock stone	45.
1657,	Adam Boland for iron work	20$^{81}/_{100}$
1658,	Elias Haviland for Carpenters Work	128$^{25}/_{100}$
1659,	Peter Tersele for drawing dock Logs	131$^{87}/_{100}$
1660,	Abraham Lawson for dock stone	160.
1661,	Cornelius Chatterton for Dock stone	146$^{25}/_{100}$
1662,	Edward Hemper for Dock stone	16$^{25}/_{100}$
1663,	John Hilyer for Dock stone	30.
1664,	Ezra Mead for Dock stone	45.
1665,	William Warner for Dock stone	37$^{50}/_{100}$

[375] In Common Council, October 7, 1805,

Present, Dewitt Clinton Esq[r] Mayor,

Abraham King, William W Gilbert, Jacob Dela Montagnie, Mangle Minthorne, James Drake, } Esquires Aldermen.

Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob Mott, Joseph Board, Andrew Morris, Jacob Shute, George J Warner, Clarkson Crolius } Assistants.

John D Miller, Tunis Wortman, Jameson Cox, Francis Cooper, John S Hunn } were appointed & sworn as Freemen of this City

A Petition of Thomas Russell and others for a Pump at the upper end of Crosby Street was granted on the usual terms, under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward.

A Petition of John Bryan for compensation for cooking for the poor in the Alms house, was referred to the Superintendant of the Alms house.

A representation was received from the Superintendant of the Alms house that the distresses of the labouring poor demand relief, Ordered, it be referred to him to relieve them at his discretion.

[376] A report of the Committee respecting the late regulations of the Bowery Lane was referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to direct the laying of the Curb stone as he may think proper.

Ordered that a Special Sessions with a grand Jury be held on the first Monday in November next.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be requested to examine the ground North of Prince Street, between a street commonly called Bleeckers Street on the Bowery road, and report their opinion on the propriety of opening a new street in the direction of Prince Street.

Ordered, that the Committee of Public repairs be directed to put the Court room in the City Hall into proper order.

A Petition of Elisha Traviss respecting the hog Law, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

M[r] Warner was added to the present Lamp Committee, and the Lamp Committee were directed to report with respect to the present system of lighting Lamps.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay,

Issd Warrts		
Nº 1666,	Anthony Steenback for Masons work	$18 14/100
[377] 1667,	Robert Sickles for lighting & cleansing City Lamps	316 25/100
1668,	John Manipenny for Carting Earth	133 87/100
1669,	John Pintard a ¼ Salary as City Inspector	312 50/100
1679,	Beekman M Van Beuren working public roads	366 1/100
1676,	P Hamilton & H Maloy, Carting Earth	76 75/100
1672,	Goold Canfield & Moses Archer, Carting Earth	71 87/100
1673,	Alexander Campbell, Carting earth	75.
1674,	Henry Carr & Arthur Hill, Carting earth	125.
1675,	John S Hunn, to pay for Carting Earth into Corporation Dock	275.

[378] In Common Council, October 30, 1805.

Present, Dewitt Clinton Esqr Mayor,

James Drake Abraham King Mangle Minthorne George Janeway, Philip Brasher, William W Gilbert, James Fairlie.	Esquires, Aldermen,	Jacob Mott, Joseph Board, Andrew Morris, Jacob Shute, Abraham Bloodgood George J Warner, Simon Van Antwerp Clarkson Crolius Samuel M Hopkins

Assistants,

The Petition of John Lovell, for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee.

The Petition, that Hammond Street be opened, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Representation of the Commissioner of the Alms-house, was referred to Alderman Drake, Brasher and Mr Warner.

A report of Capt Dumbolton respecting substitutes for the City Watch, referred to the Watch Committee.

[379] A Petition, to be permitted to erect a Pump at Charlotte and Harmon Streets, granted, under the Inspection of the Alderman, & Assistant of the Ward.

A Petition of Adolphus Loss to be appointed a City Surveyor, was received, & granted.

The Coroner Reported verbally to the Board, respecting, a new born Infant near the Corner of Potters field, that was found dead supposed to be murdered; Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to offer a Reward of $100 to discover the perpetrator of the Crime.

Ordered, that the extra Watchmen be discharged, after this night, that have been employed during the sickness.

A Petition of Robert Kender & Co: to store Hemp at No: 12, Gold Street, was granted under the Inspection of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward.

Ordered, that the Wharf at the New Ferry be repaired, under the direction of the Committee of repairs.

Ordered, that the Society of Arts, be permitted to deposit Pictures, Statues, and other Articles belonging to said society, in the Room lately occupied by Mr Dela Cosste, during the pleasure of the Board.

A Petition, of Andrew McCready & others against a well being sunk in Crosby Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward.

[380] Report, of the Street Commissioner respecting Cherry Street and Robert Vandeburgh was appointed Assessor in the room of John McComb Junior, who declines serving.

Report of the Street Commissioner respecting Division Street, to lay over until the next meeting of the Board.

Report of the Street Commissioner respecting Crosby and Duane Streets together with the Assessments, referred back to the Assessors.

Report of the Street Commissioner respecting the Curb Stone in the Bowery, Confirmed:

Ordered that the Mayor, Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay,

The Building Committee	$6000.
The Commissioner of the Almshouse	3000.
Theophilus Beekman Esqr	250.
Jacob Dela Montagnie Esqr	250.
Bernard O Blenis	250.
Benjamin Romaine	250.
Stephen Sands	132 87/100
Charles Loss	97 50/100
Robert Sickles	384 25/100
Cornelius Warner	353 21/100
Cornelius Warner	83 50/100
Edward Moran	52.
Andrew Otterson	52.
John Hardie	35.
Charles Warner	26 63/100
John Youle	25 87/100
Henry Watkeys	10.

[381] In Common Council, Nov^br 4, 1805.

Present, Dewitt Clinton Esq^r Mayor,

Jacob Dela Montagnie W^m W Gilbert Abraham King, Wynant Van Zandt, Philip Brasher. Mangle Minthorne James Drake James Fairlie George Janeway	Esquires, Aldermen,	Jacob Mott, Abraham Bloodgood Simon Van Antwerp Joseph Board, Jacob Shute, Clarkson Crolius, Sam^l M Hopkins George J Warner

Assistants,

Ordered, that Garret B Abeel have leave to store hemp in a fire proof Store on the East side of the new Slip, under the direction of Alderman Drake.

The Petition of Richard Lawrence and others, that the expences of repaving a part of Chatham Street be paid by the public, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Petition of Josiah Brown for the remission of Rent at Brooklyn Ferry, referred to the Ferry Committee.

[382] The Petition of W^m Falconer for Permission to deposit Bricks, and Build a Lime house at No: 8 Old Slip; was referred to the alderman and assistant of the Ward.

Ordered, that the account of Richard Harrison Esq^r Council of the Board this Day presented, be referred to the Comptroller

The Petition of Kennith King for Permission to build a Lime house in W^m Street, was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ward.

The Petition of Thomas Phœbus to be appointed a Weighmaster; was referred to the Committee on Petitions for Offices.

The Petition of W^m Droutwine of this City Butcher for a stand in Catharine Market was referred to Market Committee.

The Representation of Philip Henriques respecting his Lot at the Corner of Hester and Suffolk streets; was referred to the alderman and assistant of the ward.

The Petition of John White of this City Butcher for a stand in Catharine Market; was referred to the Market Committee

A representation of the Attorney of the Board, respecting a Suit brought in the Justices Court against Elisha Travis, in which he was cast, for taking up a Hog found trespassing on his premises: Ordered

that a warrant be issued by the Mayor in favor of the said Elisha Travis for $3, $^{5}/_{100}$ being Costs in the above suit

[383] A Representation of Sam^{l} M Hopkins Esq^{r} for over rating his house, was referred to the assessors.

A Report of the Committee respecting the Ship Polly, belonging to Garret B Abeel, that the said ship be sold on his giving security to abide the event of the suit agreed to, under the advice of the Council of the Board

On the report of the Committee in the Case of George B Raymond a Marshall, who was assaulted and stabbed by Henry C Williamson, while in the Execution of his Office as a Marshall; Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrant on the Treasurer for $200 as a gratuity to George B Raymond.

Ordered, that the Executors of Cornelius Roosevelt, be Authorized to take up such part of Ferry Street as will enable them to Discover whether any part of the drain is defective, and if found so, at the expence of the proprietors of the property in the vicinity; But at their own expence, if no defect in the drain is discovered.

The following Inspectors were appointed for the next Election of Charter Officers, and the Polls directed to be held at the following places, to wit,

First ward. City hall. William Edgar. Daniel MacCormick and Gulian Ludlow.

Second ward. Andre Mathiens Tavern. John Tom. John De Peyster Richard L Walker.

[384] Third ward. S^{t} Pauls Church. Anthony Post. John L. Van Kleeck. Benjamin Ferris.

Fourth ward, Places Tavern, James Tylee Andrew Morrell, Adrian Hegeman.

Fifth ward. Tavern Thomas Street James Davidson. Thomas Demarest and Roger Strong.

Sixth ward, at the English Lutheran Church in Mott Street. John Remmey. William Arnold, Peter Lorillard

Seventh ward, at the house of Daniel Tier, Smith Hicks, George Buckmaster Abraham Dally.

Eighth ward at the Washington Inn George Lindsay. Peter H. Wendover and David Marsh.

Ninth ward at the house of Anthony Smith, Nicholas Fish, Jacobus. Dyckman and John Adriance

[385] Ordered, that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay.

Nicholas Lawrence, for City Watch		$280^{55}/_{100}$
Wm Van Wart,	Do	$280^{55}/_{100}$
Magnus Beekman,	Do	$197^{35}/_{100}$
Wm Peterson,	Do	$197^{35}/_{100}$
Gad Dumbolton,	Do	$148^{05}/_{100}$
Hugh Gobel,	Do	$148^{05}/_{100}$
John Burger, Esqr Coroner fees		111.
James Hardie, for Services		$62^{50}/_{100}$
Tunis Wortman, ½ quarters salary as Clerk		75.
Peter Burtsell, for stationary furnished Inspectors Office		$20^{50}/_{100}$

[386] In Common Council, Novbr 11th 1805.

Present, Dewitt Clinton Esqr Mayor,

Jacob Dela Montagnie, Abraham King, James Drake, James Fairlie, Wm W Gilbert, Philip Brasher, Wynant Van Zandt Junr George Janeway, Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Alderman.	Abraham Bloodgood, Simon Van Antwerp, Joseph Board, Clarkson Crolius, George J Warner, Jacob Mott.	Assistants.

A Communication was received from the Council of the Board, respecting the ejectment suit against the devisees of Mr Kip; Ordered, that he be authorized to make such arrangements in the premises as he may deem just, and most conducive to the public interest.

A Petition of Samuel L Mitchel for leave to extend his pier near Roosevelt Street farther into the East river; was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ward, together with the Street Commissioner.

[387] A Petition of James Green, and of George W Warran, for Butchers stands; were referred to the Market Committee.

Peter Roome, Sailmaker, No: 86 Liberty Street, Benjamin Mercer Druggist, No: 184 Wm Street, and Baltus Moore Junr Tallow Chandler No: 212 Broadway, were appointed Firemen to Company No 14, instead of Christian Schmeek, Abm Moore and Henry Clement resigned: and Samuel Falconer No 364 Pearl Street, Joseph Petit No 85 Chamber street, Richard Petit Murray Street, Wm Bates No 41 Hudson street, Benjn Dickinson Washington Street, Robert Sands, Washington Street, David Davis, Chamber Street, John T Henderson

No: 203 Greenwich Street, and Jacob Rich No: 284, Greenwich; were appointed Firemen to Company No: 6.

A Presentment of the Grand Jury at the Court of Special Sessions; was referred to Alderman Dela Montagnie, Brasher & Mr Warner.

Ordered, that the fine of Robert Dawson of $7, 6/100 be remitted, and that the Attorney of the Board be directed to return the money.

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee; Ordered, that Philip Romine Caleb Vandenbergh, and John Fitzgerald have stalls assigned them in Catherine Market; that John B Ten Broeck have a stall in the place of No: 7, and Isaac L Miller of No: 9; Fly Market.

[388] A Petition of the inhabitants of Detroit respecting Donations to relieve the sufferers of their Town, which was consumed by fire; was referred to Alderman Van Zandt, Fairlie and Mr Crolius.

Upon receiving the report of Watch Committee: Ordered, that Samuel Brown be appointed a Watchman of Captain Petersons Company, instead of Jesse Williams removed, to the Country; and that Benjamin Kiss and Thomas Devoter be appointed substitutes to the same. That Enoch Freeland, John Bennet, Ebenezer Samrins, Henry Lownsberry, Edward Sutton, and Paul Green be appointed Watchmen of the said Company instead of Peter Paulding, Joshua Sherwood, Samuel Reed, Moses Bishop, Stephen Hall and John Conrey removed to the Country; and that Samuel Brown, Adam Hyler, Henry Blydenburgh, Hugh McDowell John Sickles, and Samuel Cotterall be appointed substitutes to the said Company; and that Jacob Strandt, William Hyler, Abraham Hart, Matthew Calyer, Thomas Holmes, Adam Miller, Leonard Quackenboss, John Kingsbury, and Ira Munson, be appointed watchmen of Captain Beekmans Company; instead of Thomas Roshay and John Vallance deceased; and Abraham Brocaw Stephen Thorn, John Trenchard, Lewis Noes, John Macharry, Abraham Deremer, and David Osmoon: And that Daniel Smith, John Smith, [389] Ira Monson, David Mann, Eli Goodale, Charles Sheppard, James Always, Danl Rice John Johnston, and George Taylor be appointed substitutes to the said Company. And that James Shotwell, Garret Ackerman, Henry Frederick, Ebenezer Ward, and James Carmer, be appointed watchmen of Captain Van Warts Company instead of Barnet B Speer, William Bothery, John Thomas, Joseph Willes, and Samuel Moore.

The Petition, of Charles W Brinhuysen. for leave to erect a public pound, was referred to Alderman Gilbert, Minthorne, and Mr Shute.

Thomas Phœbus was appointed a Weighmaster.

A Petition of Anthony Smith for an extra compensation for making the road at Kissing Bridge, was referred to the road Committee.

William Arnold was appointed Inspector of the Election in the sixth ward instead of Henry Jackson resigned.

A Petition of Augustus Lawrence for a remission of rent was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following resolution being proposed, to wit, Resolved, that in future where public pumps are necessary, they be paid for by a regular assessment on the Contiguous [390] property benefitted thereby, the usual proportion borne by the public to be allowed under the usual restrictions; the same was referred to Mr Warner, Crolius, and Van Antwerp.

Ordered, that it be referred to the Committee of repairs to put the fire Engine house at the Gaol in a proper Condition.

Ordered, that the Committee to whom were referred the petitions of Butchers for stands in Fish Market, report at the next meeting, and that the Consideration of the subject be postponed until that time.

Isaac Wright was appointed a Firewarden of the 2nd Ward.

Ordered, that a new Inspection district for the Inspection of firewood be created from the north side of Gaines Dock, and that Enos Tompkins be appointed Inspector of the same.

Ordered, that the sum of $4000 be advanced to the present Contractors, for furnishing marble for the new City Hall, payable on the 1st day of December next upon their giving such security for the same as the Building Committee shall approve.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants, on the Treasurer, to pay,

Philip J Arcularius Superintendant of the Alms house for the use of that Establishment ..... $1000.

[391] In Common Council, Novr 18th 1805,

Present, Dewitt Clinton, Esqr, Mayor,

Jacob Dela Montagnie, Abraham King, James Drake, Philip Brasher, Wynant Van Zandt Jr George Janeway, James Fairlie, Wm W Gilbert,	Esqrs Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp, Jacob Mott, Abm Bloodgood, Jacob Shute, George J Warner, Clarkson Crolius, Andrew Morris.	Assistants

The Petition of Abm Stagg & Co was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Petition of Dorothy Smith for the Butchers stand of her late husband, John Smith, for George Smith, was read, and Granted.

The Petition of W^m^ Bond of this City Butcher, to be reenstated in his stand in the Oswego Market; was referred to the Market Committee.

[392] Two Letters were delivered to the Mayor, the one by Gen^l^ Boyd, the other, by Gen^l^ Morton, wishing the usual quantity of Powder to be used on the 25^th^ Instant; Ordered, that the Comptroller purchase the Same.

The Petition of John Bradburn Teacher, of the Free School at the Alms house, was referred to the Superintendant of the Alms house.

The Petition of John M^c^Kenzie, keeper of Potters field; was referred to the Board of Health.

The Petition of Caleb Concklin, of this City, Butcher, for the Stand No: 51, in the Fly Market; was referred to the Market Committee.

The Petition of John Fasch of this City *City,* Butcher, for Stand No: 33, in the Hudson Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

The Petition of Isaac Selover, to be appointed an Inspector of wood, at the Whitehall Slip, was referred to the Committee on Petitions for Offices.

The Petition of a Number of Fishermen for leave to Fish at the East river, was referred to the attorney of the Board:

A Letter from John Murray to the Mayor, respecting M^r^ Randalls Estate, Sailors Snug Harbour was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[393] A Report of the Police Office that Edward Sutton belonging to Cap^tn^ Peterson's watch, was found sleeping on his Post, was referred to Watch Committee.

The following report of the Committee of the Board of Health was received, to wit,

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on the subject of enumerating the inhabitants* of this City be adopted. and that the same be presented to the Common Council for their approbation, and that Alderman Montagnie, D^r^ Miller, & M^r^ Pintard be a Committee to prepare a schedule agreeably to the principles of the report to be presented therewith to the Common Council, on Monday next.

James Hardie Sec^y^

* Marginal note reads *Census. See P. 402 552.*—ED.

Report,

Of the Committee of the Board of Health on the Subject of enumerating the inhabitants of this City.

The Committee to whom it was referred. to consider the expediency of taking an enumeration of the inhabitants who remained in the City during the late epidemic, report,

That they believe such an enumeration to be important & desirable, for the [394] following reasons. Because it will supply the only means of calculating the extent, virulence & ravages of the disease and of estimating the danger which must have arisen from a longer continuance of the inhabitants in the more exposed parts of the City.

Because the result will materially aid the selection of the safest situations in the City, in the event of a similar epidemic hereafter, will beget confidence in the healthfulness of such situations, and thereby will serve to diminish the evils and inconveniences of a general flight and a total suspension of Business.

Because there is much reason to believe it will result from such an enumeration that the mortality in the City was far less, in proportion to the number of People, than has been generally supposed, and certainly less than took place in many Districts of the Surrounding Country.

Because, as a medical document, this enumeration will Supply one, of a number of important data on which alone physicians will be enabled accurately to compare the Character of the late [395] epidemic with former ones of a similar kind as well as with such as may occur hereafter, and thereby to Deduce inferences of a practical & perhaps of a very interesting nature.

And finally, Because in the future developements of this pestilence, applications and uses of an important kind may grow out of such a Document, of which the present state of knowledge does not warrant the expectation.

To obviate any reasonable Objection as to the expence that may attend this enumeration, Your Committee would suggest that the persons to be appointed by the 12th Section of the Jury Act, for making and returning a list of proper persons to serve as jurors, and which, by the directions of the said act is necessary to be made about this period, should, in the execution of that duty make the enumeration required,

which can add very little to the expence of making, and returning the list of Jurors,

Signed, E Miller,
James Fairlie
George J Warner,

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

[396] A Report of the Street Commissioner respecting Canal Street; was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Representation of the Inhabitants of Leonard Street; was referred to the Street Commissioner, the Comptroller and the Attorney of the Board.

Two accounts of George Buckmaster for Oars &c, was referred to the Comptroller to examine.

Ordered, that the assessment of Magazine Street, and Chatham Street, be confirmed, and that Oliver Jaques Collect the money on the same.

A Report of the Street Commissioner respecting Chatham Street, between Tryon Row, and James's Street was referred to the Comptroller, the Street Commissioner and Alderman Brasher & Fairlie.

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee, Ordered, that, Abraham D Lent, James Morehouse, David Fenton, Isaac Marsh, Andrew Ingersoll, and S Tompkins be appointed substitutes of Captain Dumboltons Company.

William H Morris, Jeweller, Broadway, Isaac Brown, Grocer, West Street, John Johnson, Blacksmith, Leonard Street, [397] and Cornelius Earle, Blacksmith, North Moore Street, were appointed Firemen to Company No: 23, instead of Joseph Bunyan, Stephen Baxter, Daniel Lee, and Josiah Benedict resigned. Gilbert Haight, of the 2d Ward, Sadler, and James Ronalds Junr of the 2d Ward Bookseller, were appointed Firemen of Company No: 13, instead of Thomas S Willet resigned and Daniel Keene Deceased; Samuel Lord, and Charles Bird, of the Bowery Lane, were appointed Firemen of Company No: 10: instead of Samuel Hallet, and Robert Vandenbergh resigned; and Henry Luther, Ropemaker of the 7th ward, was appointed a Fireman of Company No: 31, instead of Lewis Keeler resigned.

Resolved, that it is not expedient to allow any Butchers stalls to be erected in that part of the Fly market, called the Fish Market, at this time.

Ordered, that the Clerk of the Fly Market Do report by the next meeting of this Board, the Names of such persons with their place of

residence, who are in the habit of exposing Butchers meat for sale in the lower or Fish Market.

Ordered that the Ship of Mr Abeel, having been delivered to him, on security to the satisfaction of the Mayor, that the Passengers [398] which came in the same, do not become Chargeable to this City, according to Law, such measures be approved of by this Board And Also, that the Sloop of Mr Oliver Drake be given up to him on the payment on Costs.

Ordered, that the Floating Engine be repaired under the Inspection of the Committee of Repairs.

Ordered, that the Comptroller notify those persons who are indebted to this Board, that they pay their arrears to him without Delay, and take up their Grants and Leases for Common Land.

Ordered, that Alderman Brasher, Montagnie, Mr Warner, and Mr Pintard, be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for Celebrating the ensuing 25th day of November.

Ordered, that the Mayor, Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay,

Issd Wrrts Nos			
1706,	Nicholas Lawrence—City Watch	.....	$217 56/100
1707,	Wm Van Wart.	Do	217 56/100
1708,	Magnus Beekman	Do	197 96/100
1709,	Wm Peterson,	Do	197 96/100
1710,	Hugh Gobel	Do	148 96/100
1711,	Gad Dumbolton	Do	151.
1712,	Beekman Van Beuren, Working Roads	.....	397 98/100
1713,	John Hardie, for services	.....	35.
1714,	Saml B Waldron, Working roads	.....	1307 23/100
1715,	Thos Hazard, his salary &c	.....	437 50/100
[399] 1716,	Philip J Arcularius, for his Balance Due	.....	922 79¾/100
1717,	Richd Harison Esqr his salary &c	.....	348 79/100
1718,	Charles Van Orden for Rent of Watch house	.....	25.
1719,	Christian Nestell, Inspecting Bread	.....	53 65/100
1720,	John Leveridge & others, attending as Officers at the Market & Ferry	.....	54.
1721,	Kay & Horner, Cleaning Wells &c	.....	618.
1722,	Benjn Demilt, regulating City Clocks	.....	66 66/100
1723,	Jacob J Lansing & Henry J Wyckoff for Assessing the first ward	.....	56 50/100
1724,	John Ellis & Jno: Kane, Assessing 2d ward	.....	66.
1725,	Benjn Haight & John L Van Kleeck for Assessing the third Ward	.....	63 6/100
1726,	Willet Coles & Peter Bonnet for assessing the fourth Ward	.....	85 25/100
1727,	Fredk Eckert & Jas: Voley assessg 5th ward	.....	78 56/100

Issd Wrrts Nos

1728, Caleb Pell & Jno: Hopper Junr for assessing the 6 ward $89 93/100

1729, Saml Torbert & Jacob Morrell for assessing 7th ward ..... 102.

1730, Saml Delaplane & Christopher Beckley for Assessing the 8th ward..... 102.

1731, John Adriance & Saml Kipple assessing the 9th Ward 61 25/100

[400] In Common Council, Novbr 26, 1805

Present, Dewitt Clinton, Esqr Mayor,

Wynant Van Zandt Junr Abm King, Jas: Drake, James Fairlie Philip Brasher	Esquires Aldermen.	Andrew Morris, Jacob Shute George J Warner, Abm Bloodgood, Jacob Mott, Simon Van Antwerp, Samuel M Hopkins,

Assistants.

Thomas Tucker, Merchant Taylor, Pearl Street, was appointed a Firemen to, Com: No 4, instead of John Fisher, resigned, James Riker, Mason, of the 3r Ward, and John Russel, painter, of the 5th Ward, were appointed Firemen, to Company No: 27, instead of Jacob Badgely and John F Randolph resigned; and Saml C Wessells Cooper, No: 60. Front Street, and Joseph Meeks, Cabinet Maker, No 61 Broad Street, were appointed Firemen, to Company No: 9, instead of Andrew Ten Eyck and Robert Parkerson resigned.

The Clerk of the Fly Market, reported a List of the persons who sell meat in the Fish Market; the same was referred to the Market Committee.

[401] A Petition, of Wager Hull, for remission of a penalty for storing Rozin, within the limits prohibited by law, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The petition of Joseph Dela Montagnie for the appointment of Inspector of Wood, was referred to the Committee on the Inspection of Firewood.

The Petition of Daniel Smith for repairing the Drain in Beaver Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner, with Directions to have it done.

The Committee appointed to Examine the accounts of the City Treasurer, reported as follows, to wit, We the subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Common Council, for examining the

revenue Books of the Corporation, Do report, that there has been received for the notes of A Brown, £437:4,—From Josiah Brown, £192:1:4,—From D Amerman, £133:6:8,—From Ebenezer Clark £240,—and from the revenues of the Corporation £25766:2:1,—which several sums, with the Balance due on last Years settlement of £2205:17:9¾ amounts to, £28974:11:10¾. That there has been paid out by order of the Common Council, £28365:4:8, which leaves a balance Due the City of New York of £609:7:2¾, Carried to new Account.

Wynant Van Zandt Junr,
October, 8, 1805, Jas Drake
Abraham King.

Ordered, that the same be confirmed.

[402] *Pursuant to a resolution of the last meeting the following persons were appointed to take the list of Jurors in the respective Wards of this City; to wit, Jacob J Lansing, & Garret Keteltas in the 1st Ward, John Hardenbrook, and William Tredwell, in the 2d Ward; John Salisbury and John Murphy, in the 3d Ward. Jacob Cholwell and Wm Jones, in the 4th Ward; Edward J McLaughlin & Wandell Van Antwerp, in the 5th Ward. Leonard Seaman and Jacob Peterson, in the 6th Ward. Saml T Wright, and Isaac Keeler, in the 7th Ward; Samuel L Page Junr and William I Waldron in the 8th Ward; and Peter Myer and John Cozine, in the 9th Ward.

Ordered, that the Balance of Monies unexpended in the hands of the Comptroller, which were paid to him for filling in the Collect, be transferred to the Street Commissioner, to be applied towards the wages of the men, who have worked the Public roads, near Bellevue gate.

The Street Commissioner presented a report, concerning the regulation and continuance of Orchard Street; the same was postponed.

The following report was received from the Counsel of the Board in relation to the Estate of Colin Peacock.

I think it appears sufficiently by the affidavit of, Robert Mitchell, and Andrew Graham, [403] that James Peacock, Robert Peacock, and William Peacock, are Brothers & next of Kin of Colin Peacock, Deceased.

Consequently, they are entitled to the surplus of Colin Peacock's personal estate, after payment of his Debts.

I think further, that the power of attorney, executed by James & Robert Peacock, is sufficient for their shares of the surplus; but I

*Marginal note reads *See P. 393. 552.*—Ed.

can say nothing as to William's share; his Power executed in Carolina only extending to a settlement with Mr Anderson.

If the Corporation is satisfied to make payment, the Parties may be required to give Bond to refund, in Case Debts should hereafter appear.

Rich: Harrison
28 may, 1805,

Since the writing the within, I have seen certain papers in the Hand of the Comptroller of the Corporation, being the affidavit & Letter of attorney, of Wm Peacock, and upon the whole think that they are sufficient to authorize & justify the Payment of the Balance in the Hands of the Chamberlain.

22d Novr 1805
Rich: Harrison.

Ordered, that the Same be confirmed, and that a Warrant issue for the Payment of the monies, to Thomas Irvin the attorney of the representatives of the said Colin Peacock, upon his giving security pursuant to the said report, to be approved of by the Comptroller.

The Clerk presented to the Board, Certificates from the Inspectors of the last Election for Charter Officers, by which it appears [404] that the following persons were Elected, to wit,

First Ward,
Wynant Van Zandt Junr Esqr Alderman,
Andrew Morris, Assistant,
Jacob J Lansing, } Assessors,
Joshua Jones, }
Cornelius C Wynkoop, Collector,
James W Green, } Constables
John Farrington, }

Second, Ward,
Elias Nexsen Esquire, Alderman
Samuel M Hopkins, Assistant,
John Ellis } Assessors,
John Griffiths }
Jeremiah Marshall Collector,
David Saffen } Constables,
Samuel Montgomery }

Third Ward,
James Fairlie Esquire, Alderman,
Simon Van Antwerp, Assistant,
John L Van Kleeck } Assessors,
George Gosman }
John Striker Collector,
James Thompson } Constables,
Thomas Martin }

Fourth Ward,
James Drake, Esquire, Alderman,
Adrian Hegeman, Assistant,
Willet Coles, Peter Bonnet, } Assessors
David Harriot, Collector,
Edward Sands, James Crooker } Constables,

[405] Fifth Ward,
Jacob Dela Montagnie Esqr Alderman,
Joseph Board, Assistant,
Amos Corning, Frederick Eckert, } Assessors,
William Berrian, Collector,
Abraham Manning, Abraham Collard, } Constables

Sixth Ward,
Caleb Pell Esquire, Alderman,
John D Miller, Assistant,
Elias Haviland, Stephen Ludlum } Assessors,
Stephen Bourdett, Collector,
John Ackerman, John Becker, } Constables,

Seventh Ward,
Jacob Mott, Esquire Alderman,
Samuel Torbert, Assistant,
Jacob Morrell, John Youle, } Assessors,
Abraham Van Gelder Junr Collector,
Jonathan Allen, Morris Oakley } Constables,

Eighth Ward,
Thurston Wood, Esqr Alderman,
Gilbert Coutant, Assistant,
Samuel Delaplaine, Christopher Beckley } Assessors,
Andrew Hegeman, Collector,
Henry G Disbrow, Thomas Darling } Constables

[406] Ninth Ward,
Abraham King Esqr Alderman,
Jacob Shute, Assistant,
Peter Myers, John Cozine } Assessors,
Jacob Myers, Collector,
Henry Low, Edward Vermilyea } Constables

Ordered, that the Superintendant of Scavengers cause the Streets of this City to be properly cleansed under the direction of the City Inspector.

Ordered that the Clerk draw a Law to regulate the admission of Paupers into the Alms house, in such a manner that they be examined and admitted by the Aldermen and assistants of the respective wards who are to attend in rotation for that purpose at the Alms-house, on the Saturday in every week, from, and after, the first day of December next.

Ordered, that the several Committees of this Board report upon unfinished Business, so that the Board may proceed thereon.

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay,

Issd Wrrts Nos		
	1732, Danl Wooley, for Carting earth	$120 14/100
	1733, Wm Roy.....for same	62 51/100
	1734, Alexr Campbell, Do	60 25/100
	1735, Jas: Black Do	13 87/100
	1736, Mulheran & Dearie, Do	32 13/100
	1737, John Bradshaw Do	45.
[407]	1738, Hamilton & Maley for Carting earth	25.
	1739, Jas Wheelan, Do Do	62 50/100
	1740, John McLean for repairing Cannon etc	177 99/100
	1741, James Hogan, for paving	33 33/100
	1742, Saml Montgomery & Barnet Newkirk, for Attending as peace Officers at Fly Market	6.
	1743, James Cheetham, for Printing	277 11/100
	1744, John S Hunn, a ¼ salary as Street Commr	375.
	1745, Amos Rooke, attends Signal Poles at Staten Island	165.
	1746, Post & Russel, for Lamp Oil	1445 23/100
	1747, Bartholemew Skaats, for salary, etc	117 75/100
	1748, Hamilton Little & Co: for Carting Earth	215 50/100
	1749, Deklyn & Cunningham, for Dock Logs	1632 99/100
	1750, Simon Van Antwerp, for Ironmongery	255 99/100
	1751, Edward Meeks, for Blacksmith work	607 43/100
	1752, Philip J Arcularius for Support of Alms house	3000.
	1753. Thomas Irvin, Attorney of the Representatives of the Estate of Colin Peacock pursuant to a resolution of this Day	222 75/100

[408] In Common Council. November 28. 1805

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

James Fairlie James Drake Wynant Van Zandt Junior George Janeway William W Gilbert Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen.	Joseph Board Clarkson Crolius Andrew Morris Simon Van Antwerp Abraham Bloodgood Samuel M Hopkins George J Warner

Assistants.

A petition of William Gibson for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee

A report was received from the Committee on the inspection of Bricks and building stone and ordered to be postponed.

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment list for paving Harman Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector

Ordered that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be authorized to pass their note for Four thousand Dollars upon the contract of P and E Dob under the faith of the board

Robert Vandenbergh was appointed an assessor for the monies upon the ground taken [409] to continue Cherry Street instead of John Macomb Junior resigned.

Ordered that the present assessors of Cherry Street do not charge the expences of former assessments upon the proprietors

Abel Hardenbrook junior was appointed to take the jury list in the Second ward instead of John Hardenbrook, and James Thomson in the third ward instead of John Salisbury

Ordered that if any person appointed to take the lists of Jurors should decline serving the Alderman and assistant of the ward shall appoint others in their stead

An account was received from the Committee of supplies, Ordered it be filed

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay

O Donald and McBrady. carting earth..... 79^{50}/_{100}$

[410] In Common Council. December 2, 1805

Present, De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

James Drake	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Mott	Assistants.
Jacob De la Montagnie		Joseph Board	
Philip Brasher		Clarkson Crolius	
Abraham King		George J Warner	
James Fairlie		Samuel M Hopkins	
		Andrew Morris	
		Abraham Bloodgood	
		Simon Van Antwerp	
		Jacob Shute	

Joseph Burrows measurer was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 24 instead of Ephraim Marsh deceased

An assessment of the ground taken to continue Cherry Street was received and confirmed except with respect to the expences of the former assessments which the present assessors were instructed to deduct from the amount of their assessment

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that the stand N° 29 Hudson Market be granted to William Gibson and the stall N° 51 Fly market to Edward Patten Junior

The following Ordinance passed the board to wit

[411] A Law to regulate the admission of paupers into the Alms house

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened that all paupers shall hereafter be admitted into the Alms house in manner following and not otherwise that is to say The Alderman and Assistant of each ward respectively shall on being notified by the Superintendant of the alms house meet at the Alms house on the Saturday in each week in rotation and successively commencing with the first ward and shall form a committee to enquire and decide upon the situation and claims of all such paupers as shall be offered for admission in the said house and their decision shall be final unless otherwise directed by the board, and if it should happen that the Alderman or assistant of either of the said wards should be absent or unable to attend upon the day when it is made his duty to attend as aforesaid it shall then be the duty of the Alderman or assistant of the next ward in numerical order to attend in his stead upon receiving due notice for that purpose. Provided Always that it shall be lawful for the Superintendant of the Alms house pursuant to the first section of the second clause of the law entitled a law for the better regulation and government of the Alms house to admit and receive paupers into the Alms house pro tempore,

and until the next meeting of such weekly Committee, so that their final admission shall be decided by the said Committee.

[412] This being the day appointed by law for swearing in the Charter Officers elect. the following persons appeared before the board and took and subscribed their respective oaths of office to wit.

First ward. Wynant Van Zandt Junior Esquire Alderman
Andrew Morris. Assistant
Jacob J Lansing } Assessors
James W Green } Constables
John Farrington }

Second ward. Elias Nexsen Esquire, Alderman
Samuel M Hopkins. Assistant
John Ellis } Assessors
John Griffiths. }
David Saffen } Constables.
Samuel Montgomery }

Third ward James Fairlie Esquire Alderman
Simon Van Antwerp Assistant
John L Van Kleeck } Assessors.
James Thomson } Constables
Thomas Martin }

Fourth ward James Drake Esquire Alderman
Adrian Hegeman Assistant.
Willett Coles } Assessors
Peter Bonnet }
Edward Sands } Constables
James Crooker }

Fifth ward. Jacob De la Montagnie Esquire Alderman
Joseph Board Assistant
} Assessors
Abraham Manning } Constables
Abraham Collard }

[413] Sixth ward. Caleb Pell Esquire, Alderman
John D Miller Assistant
Elias Haviland } Assessors
Stephen Ludlam }
John Ackerman } Constables.
John Becker }

Seventh ward. Jacob Mott Esquire, Alderman
Samuel Torbert Assistant
Jacob Morrell } Assessors
Jonathan Allen } Constables
Morris Oakley }

Eighth ward.	Thurston Wood Esquire, Alderman	
	Gilbert Coutant Assistant	
	Samuel Delaplaine	Assessors
	Christopher Beakley	
	Henry G Disbrow	Constables.
	Thomas Darling	
Ninth ward	Abraham King Esquire, Alderman	
	Jacob Shute Assistant	
	Peter Myers	Assessors
	John Cozine	
	Henry Low	Constables
	Edward Vermilyea	

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Jacob Dela Montagnie Esquire Treasurer of the board of health...	$3000.
David King balance of old account.....	74.
David King for anniversary Dinner, November 25.....	505^{100}
John H Sickles Treasurer of Building Committee for their use.....	3000.

[414] In Common Council. December 2. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris	Assistants
Elias Nexsen		Samuel M Hopkins	
James Fairlie		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
Jacob De la Montagnie		Joseph Board	
Caleb Pell		John D Miller	
Jacob Mott		Samuel Torbert	
Thurston Wood		Gilbert Coutant	
Abraham King		Jacob Shute	

Daniel Phœnix was unanimously appointed City Treasurer, and took and subscribed the oaths of Office required by law.

The City Treasurer presented the usual bond for the due performance of the duties of his Office with John Broome and Daniel M^{c}Cormick as securities. Ordered that the same be approved and filed.

Whereas a large proportion of the Reverend the Clergy of this City have recommended that the 18 December instant, being the Third [415] Wednesday in the same be observed and set apart as a day of humiliation, thanksgiving and prayer on account of the late dispensations of Divine Providence towards this City, and have requested the concurrence of this board, therein. Therefore we the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common

Council assembled do earnestly recommend to our fellow citizens that the said day be accordingly set apart and solemnized as a day of humiliation, thanksgiving and prayer and that they abstain from all manner of business on the same.

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to vote in behalf of this Board at the ensuing election for Directors in the Manhattan Company on the shares held by this board and that the Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the Board to a proper power for that purpose.

[416] In Common Council. December 9. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Shute	Assistants
Jacob Mott		Joseph Board	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
James Fairlie		Samuel Torbert	
Elias Nexsen		Gilbert Coutant	
Abraham King		Andrew Morris	
Thurston Wood		Simon Van Antwerp	
Jacob De la Montagnie		Samuel M Hopkins	
Caleb Pell.		John D Miller.	

Resolved that a standing Committee be appointed to consider and report from time to time with respect to all applications made in relation to the docks wharves piers and Slips in this City.

Resolved that a standing Committee be appointed for the purpose of revising the laws of this board and preparing and reporting such orders and resolutions as from time to time shall be referred to them and also to draft and report such Bills as may be necessary to transmit to the Legislature

Ordered that the Clerk present to the presiding Officer of this Board at the opening of each [417] meeting the names of such select Committees who have not reported upon business referred to them and that the President may in his discretion at each meeting call upon the Standing Committees. the select Committees, and officers of the board to whom references have been made for their reports.

The following Standing Committees were appointed, to wit,

Market Committee	Alderman Drake Nexsen Mr Van Antwerp
Lamp Committee	Alderman Pell Mr Morris Torbert

Road Committee	Alderman King Wood Fairlie Mr Shute Coutant
Committee of repairs	Mr Board Alderman Pell Wood
Watch Committee	Alderman Dela Montagnie Fairlie Van Zandt
Committee for building the New City hall	Alderman Fairlie Dela Montagnie Van Zandt Drake Mr Board, Van Antwerp Miller.
[418] On the Fire department	Alderman Mott Mr Miller Hegeman
Ferry Committee	Mr Morris Hegeman Torbert
Wharves Slips and piers	Alderman Mott Van Zandt Nexsen
On the preparing and revising Laws and Ordinances	Mr Hopkins Hegeman Alderman De la Montagnie
Canal Committee	Alderman Wood Mr Torbert Coutant Miller Shute
For bringing water into the City	Alderman Van Zandt King Mr Shute Coutant Hopkins

An ordinance passed for the appointment of a Board of Health and the Mayor Recorder Commissioners of the health Office, Alderman Van Zandt Nexsen, Fairlie, Drake, Dela Montagnie and the City Inspector were appointed to constitute such board

The petition of Philip Henriques respecting an Assessment in Suf-

folk Street was referred to the [419] Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward and the Street Commissioner

Several petitions to be appointed keeper of the Battery were received and postponed

Petitions of J Graaf and Thomas Hobbs for Butchers stalls were referred to the Market Committee

A report of the Building Committee and accounts accompanying the same were referred to the Comptroller

A petition of Abraham Stagg that monies coming to him for the regulation of Streets be paid was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of the Fire Company N° 13 stating that their Engine house is in an improper and inconvenient place was referred to the Committee on the Fire department

A petition of John Duffie and others stating that the old slip is in a state of nuisance was referred to the Board of Health

James Heath Sailmaker N° 12 Roosevelt Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 8 in the place of N Weathershine resigned. Jacob Crygier painter 41 Hudson Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 20 instead of Joseph Thomson resigned, John Michaels, Blacksmith N° 119 Harman Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 26 instead of James Wade resigned William I Van Alen N° 76 Reed Street Coach maker was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 20 instead of Gideon Tucker removed. Lewis Decker Cabinet maker was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 20 instead of Isaac Torboss deceased and Henry C. Harr[i]son of N° 7 New Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 11 instead of Jacob Boerum deceased.

A report of Captain Peterson's Company was referred to the Watch Committee

[420] It was ordered that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing and reporting a respectful address to Congress to place the port and harbour of this City in a State of proper and Sufficient defence and the Mayor, Alderman Fairlie and Mr Hopkins were appointed the said Committee

A petition of the Superintendant of the Alms house with respect to certain slanderous publications in the Evening post in regard to him was referred to the Committee who are to attend to that house on Saturday next.

Alderman Drake
Mr Miller
Hegeman
} Were appointed a Committee on the representation of the Superintendant of the Alms house concerning paupers

A proposition of S Jones and others to cede certain Streets for public purposes was referred to the Street Commissioner

A report of the City Inspector relative to cleansing the Streets of this City was referred to Alderman Van Zandt Wood and the City Inspector

A report of the Street Commissioner in relation to payment of the workmen employed at the road at Kissing bridge was referred to the Road Committee

Ordered that Alderman Drake, Mr Van Antwerp and Mr Morris be appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Street Commissioner with respect to the expences of the middle road.

The assessment of Cherry Street as altered agreeably to the resolution of last meeting was confirmed and Thomas Timpson appointed Collector

[421] A petition of Thomas Knight for compensation for taking passengers from on board a Newburgh sloop was referred to Mr Hegeman, Torbert and Coutant.

Ordered that the Clerk write to the Assessors of the different wards who have not qualified requesting them to appear and take the oaths of Office or signify to the board in writing in case they should decline accepting of the same.

Ordered that the Comptroller report with respect to leases, which are about expiring

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrants

Nos			
1759	John H Sickles Treasurer of the Building Committee...		$3000.
1760	Philip J Arcularius Commissioner of alms house for the use of that establishment.....		3000.
1761	John S Hunn, Street Commissioner, expences of middle road		534.36
1762	Bartholomew Skaats for fuel.....		100.
1763	Nicholas Lawrence City Watch.....		217.56
1764	William Van Wart	do	217.56
1765	Magnus Beekman	do	201.40
1766	William Peterson	Do	197.96
1767	Hugh Gobel	do	148.96
1768	Gad Dumbolton	do	148.96
1769	Benjamin Romaine, Comptroller, for completing tax books		210.
1770	Israel Haviland for hose for Engines.....		844.76
1771	Samuel L Whitlock making Cartridges.....		29.30

Nos	1772	James Hardie for Services	.....	$62.50
	1773	Edward Moran for Services	.....	104.
	1774	Peter Clark for transporting powder	.....	15.44
	1775	Proprietor of Evening post for printing	.....	37.50
	1776	Daily Advertiser—for printing	.....	37.50
	1777	Jonas Humbert—as Inspector of bread	.....	80.64
	1778	Andrew Otterson for Services	.....	104.
	1779	Robert Sickles lighting and cleaning City lamps	.....	324.35
	1780	Joseph Webb repairing Lamps	.....	62.71
	1781	Jacob Smith for turning Screws for Engines	.....	85.79
	1782	Benjamin Romaine to pay Clerks and Constables for Services at late Election	.....	70.
[422]	1783	Thomas Duboys for Dock stone	.....	52.50
	1784	William Hays	do	65.
	1785	David Midlers	do	135.
	1786.	John Woolsey	do	105.
	1787	William Weaver	do	56.25
	1788	John Bogert	do	250.
	1789	Abraham Lawson	do	160.
	1790	Nicholas Storms	do	112.50
	1791	Joseph Weldeys	do	75.
	1792	Jonathan Lyon	do	60.
	1793	John Powles	do	87.50
	1794	Nicholas Bice	do	90.
	1795	William Davids	do	12.50
	1796	Jonathan Lawrence	do	60.
	1797	John Pauls	do	315.
	1798	Benjamin Westevelts	do	55.
	1799	Henry Ross	do	75.
	1800	Teller Jaycocks	do	93.75
	1801	John T Blauvelt	do	127.50
	1802	David Sherwood	do	25.
	1803	John Hellicar	do	90.
	1804	James Lane	do	25.
	1805	Cornelius Seaman	do	50.
	1806	Abraham Stephens	do	93.75
	1807	William Jaycocks	do	140.
	1808	James Angewine	do	63.75

[423] In Common Council December 16. 1805

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott James Fairlie Elias Nexsen James Drake Caleb Pell Jacob Dela Montagnie Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	John D Miller Samuel M Hopkins Adrian Hegeman Samuel Torbert Simon Van Antwerp Jacob Shute Andrew Morris Gilbert Coutant.

Assistants.

A return from Captain Petersons Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of Coert Went for an extension of his lease in Chatham Street was ordered to lie on the table

A petition of Josiah Shippey junior for an increase of his salary as Clerk of the Alms house was received Ordered that it is at present inexpedient to grant the prayer thereof.

Ordered that the managers of the Lottery be permitted to use a room in the City hall for its drawing

Ordered that the Corporation of Trinity church be permitted to erect a Lime house in Broadway

An application from some of the Militia for the use of a room in the City hall for military lectures was referred to Alderman Fairlie, De la Montagnie and Mr Morris

Ordered that the sum of $28 $^{28}/_{100}$ being the proportion of James Baker in the Estate of his father Gardiner Baker in the hands of the City Treasurer be paid to him

[424] It being recommended by the board of Health to allow to the City watch the same Compensation which was afforded them during the year 1803 Ordered that the said report be confirmed and such allowance made accordingly

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the Suspension of John Flock a Watchman of Captain Petersons Company and of Alexander Black a Watchman of Captain Lawrences Company be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Fire Company belonging to Engine No 13 at the Fly market. Reported, that they had viewed it, and are of opinion that it ought to be removed And on taking a view of Burling Slip think that the most eligible situation for the said Engine would be near the head of the said

Slip. Ordered that the said Report be confirmed, and executed under the direction of the Chief Engineer

Ordered that the propriety of paying the Watchmen stationed at the Banks be referred to the Watch Committee

On receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that Thomas Corleys have the stand N° 29, and Charles Weatherspoon the stand N° 34 Hudson Market

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Street Commissioner relative to the work at the middle road reported the same to be correct and just, Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Thomas Knight for Compensation [425] for taking passengers from on board a Newburgh Sloop, reported that it would be inexpedient to grant the same, Ordered that such report be confirmed.

The Committee appointed to prepare and report a petition to Congress to fortify the port and harbour of this City reported a petition for such purpose Ordered that the same be confirmed and transmitted under the seal of this board

An application of John Curran respecting the road at Kissing Bridge was referred to the road committee

The petition of Isaac R Winans to be relieved as bail for Ransom Wake upon a charge of Bastardy was rejected

Upon receiving the report of the Road Committee Resolved that the West road be opened to Bridgens cross Road and parallel to the middle road, that it then be continued and opened parallel to the powder house road until it comes to the Old post road, and that the whole of the said middle road be made at least of the width of 60 feet and to be extended to the width of 100 feet if it can be obtained without considerable expence to the public

Resolved that the Cross road commonly called Bridgens road from its intersection with the middle road be run and opened to the Hudsons River on the north side of the Cove between the property of M^{r} Norton and M^{r} Rapalje and as nearly in a straight line as practicable, so as to escape the dwellings and other valuable improvements of M^{r} Norton

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner, to wit. The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Communication of M^{r} Jones relative to Streets near the two Mile stone has the honour to report

That he does not find that the Common Council have ever laid out, adopted or proposed any Streets [426] in the block encompassed by Broadway, Art Street the Bowery and Bleecker Street which includes the ground delineated on the plan presented by Mr Jones.

Since the reference of Mr Jone's communication he has consented to alter his plan to meet a regulation of Minthorne Street proposed by Alderman Minthorne, and the subject as it is agreed to by these Gentlemen stands thus.

1. That Minthorne Street be made 75 feet from the Bowery to be taken from the South side and to be opened free of expence, to the Corporation by Alderman Minthorne to Orchard Street

2. That the Street proposed by Mr Jones to be called Jones Street be 75 feet South of his Northerly corner on the Bowery and be opened 75 feet wide to Broadway. By this regulation Minthorne Street and Jones Street will come out opposite each other in the Bowery

3 That a Street proposed by Mr Jones to be called Bond Street be opened 70 feet wide from the Bowery to Broadway parallel to Jones Street and two hundred feet South of it

The Street Commissioner believes it will be a good regulation and recommends the acceptance of these cessions

The distance from the Bowery to Broadway at Bleecker Street is more than One thousand feet but at Art Street not more than 400 It will be too large and inconvenient to have blocks of the extent of the first Street, and as it is necessary to stop several streets at Bleecker Street It is recommended to continue the Center Street [427] called Mulberry (or Catherine Street) to Art Street and parallel to Broadway. it will then divide the block described in equal parts. This plan has been submitted to Mr David Jones who thinks well of it but cannot determine to give cession without first consulting his father. Upon examining the City Map it will be seen that Bleecker Street comes out in the Bowery too far Southerly. It could be altered to suit public convenience without any reasonable objection. It is therefore proposed that it be run from the Bowery more northerly until it comes out in Broadway at a point opposite to the Mouth of David Street continued to that Street by this alteration there will be almost a straight communication from the East River to the State Prison and it will be more parallel to the Streets to the North and South of it

Agreeably to an order of the Board in September the Street Commissioner has caused a Survey of the Block between Bleecker and

Prince Streets, which is herewith presented, and he recommends that a Street be opened from Broadway to the Bowery through the said Block to the points and in the direction of the red lines drawn upon the said survey And that the said Street be at least fifty feet wide and if it is not materially more expensive that the same be of the width of Sixty feet.

All which is respectfully submitted,

December 16. 1805 John S Hunn. St Commissr

Ordered that the same be confirmed upon condition that proper cessions are made.

A report of the Street Commissioner was received relative to Division Street, Ordered that the same be confirmed, and Ordered further that the sum of $200 be advanced to James Smith upon his contract for repaving the said Street

[428] The Street Commissioner presented reports of delinquents in the assessments for regulating Cannon, Grand, and Walnut Streets, Ordered that Warrants issue to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for the regulation of Bullock Street Ordered that the same pass the board.

A statement of the City Treasurer with respect to bad debts owing to this board was referred to the Comptroller

A resignation of George Gosman as Assessor of the third ward was received and accepted Ordered that a new Election for an Assessor in his stead be held on the first Tuesday in January next, and that the same Inspectors, and the same place of Election last directed, be Ordered and appointed.

An account of Joseph Dela Croix for the rent of a room occupied by the Justices Court during the last epidemic was referred to Alderman Dela Montagnie Mr Hopkins and Mr Miller

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered 1775 and 1776 Ordered that the same pass

Ordered that the Hay Scales in this City be leased for the term of One year at the rents reported by the Comptroller provided always and upon Condition that the Corporation retain the power of removing the place where they are affixed

[429] Ordered that authority be given to the Superintendant of repairs to remove a pump in William Street.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts Nos			
	1809	Lothrop and Kelly upon their contract for the road at Kissing bridge	$400.
	1810.	Beekman M Van Beuren for working public roads	323.61
	1811	Nicholas Lawrence for City watch	217.56
	1812	William Van Wart do	217.56
	1813	Magnus Beekman Do	197.96
	1814	William Peterson do	197.96
	1815	Hugh Gobel do	148.96
	1816	Gad Dumbolton do	148.96
	1817	T Wortman half a quarters salary as Clerk	75.
	1818	Constables and Marshals for apprehending vagrants	148.75
	1819	John Hardie for Services	30.
	1820	Edward Meeks for Blacksmiths Work	179$\frac{1}{100}$
	1821	Cornelius Warner for public repairs	168.82
	1822	Timothy B Crane for Carpenters Work	128.40
	1823	George Tappen for pump in Mulberry Street	32.50
	1824	George Woolsey for building docks	240.17
1825 and	1826	Lewis Ford for Carpenters Work	145.12
	1827	Donaldson and Sleith for Work at Catherine Market.	5.
	1828	Joseph F Mangin for Surveying	75.
	1829	Matthew Dikeman for repairing pumps	292.68
	1830	Conrad Jordan for repairing Lamps	25.50
	1831	George Buckmaster for oars and Sweeps	70.98
	1832	Gurdon and D Buck for powder	170.50
	1833.	Thomas T Woodruff for Carpenters Work	212.75

[430] In Common Council. December 23. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Esquires Aldermen	Assistants
James Fairlie	Samuel Torbert
Jacob Mott	Simon Van Antwerp
Jacob De la Montagnie	Jacob Shute
James Drake	Joseph Board
Abraham King	Andrew Morris
Caleb Pell	Samuel M Hopkins
Thurston Wood	John D Miller
Elias Nexsen	Adrian Hegeman
Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Gilbert Coutant

Returns from Captain Lawrences watch company were received and referred to the Watch Committee

Jeremiah Warner of N° 58 Franckfort Street Bricklayer was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 7. Levi Arnold of N° 20 Read Street Carpenter was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 4 instead

of Joseph Skelton resigned. Tunis Egbert House Carpenter Barley Street, and Samuel Wynans Cartman of Greenwich Street were appointed Firemen of Company N° 23 instead of Stephen Allen deceased and Jacob Blank expelled, and Abiel Swift Grocer of N° 204 Front Street was appointed a Fireman [431] of Company N° 12 instead of John P Anthony resigned

A petition of Peter and George Lorillard for the extension of their lease in Chatham Street was ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Benjamin S Judah was referred to the Comptroller

A petition of John M^cCann for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee

Several petitions for pumps were received and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards.

A petition of Richard Smith keeper of the Horns hook Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

John Peterson was duly elected to keep charge of the Battery and Flag Staff, and it was ordered that he reimburse the widow Keefe for the improvements made by her late Husband who was formerly appointed to keep the same.

A petition of William Nexsen to be appointed a Weighmaster was referred to Alderman Drake, M^r Morris and M^r Van Antwerp

A memorial from Mangle Minthorne Esquire was referred to the Street Commissioner

A deed of Cession of Jones and Bond Streets received from Samuel Jones Esquire was accepted

Resolved that it be the duty of the Alderman and Assistant of each ward at least once in every week at such hour as they may deem proper to visit the watch houses and if possible the several Watch posts and inspect into the Conduct of the Captains Assistants and Watchmen, and report weekly to the Common Council, and that it be the duty of the Watch Committee or one of them to notify the Aldermen and assistants in rotation beginning with the first ward.

Resolved that the Repairs of the ferry stairs at the Hudson Street market be done under the directions of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

A report of the Street Commissioner respecting Abraham Stagg and others was referred to the Committee on wharves piers and slips.

[432] Resolved that the English laws in relation to the police and corporation of London be referred to the Committee on the revision of the Laws with a view of ascertaining whether any improvements can be derived from thence in the institutions of this board.

A report was received from the Comptroller in relation to certain outstanding debts. Resolved that the Treasurer liquidate the same agreeably to the said report by charging the same to the City and County of New York

A report of the City Inspector accompanied by a letter from Messieurs Griffiths and Gifford representing an infraction of the building law by R and G. Waite of Maiden lane was read

Matthew Bolmer was appointed a Firewarden of the Sixth Ward.

The Superintendant of the Alms house to whom was referred the petition of John Bradburn praying a compensation reported against the same Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Superintendant of the Alms house reported that he had caused the following paupers to wit Dinah Williams and three children, Margaret McEvoy and three children, Margaret Gordon and two children and Sylvia a Black to be removed to their respective places of settlement. Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A report of the Attorney of the Board respecting the valuation of ground at the head of Burling Slip was referred to the Street Commissioner and Attorney of the board.

Resolved that the Committee on the subject of a Communication from the Attorney of the Board be revived and that Alderman Drake and Mr Miller compose the same.

Mr Miller, Mr Hopkins, and Hegeman were appointed a Committee to investigate the conduct [433] of the Physician of the Alms house relative to the duties of the office.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals for filling in White hall dock, and that he submit them for the consideration of the Board without delay.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer, to pay.

Issd Warrts Nos			
1834	John H Sickles Treasurer of the Building Committee for their use	$3,000.
1835	Joseph Board Chairman of the Committee of public repairs	200.
1836	James Cheetham for advertising	75.
1837	Watson and Campbell for Timber	158.86
1838	Richard Burchan for reporting passengers	50.
1839	John Bussing money assessed to the Board for repairing Pearl Street	32.18
1840	William and John Clapp for flour for Alms house	77.31
1841	Samuel M Hopkins, for cash paid for refreshments at a fire	2.25

Nos 1842	Benjamin Romaine to pay labourers at the Middle road	$139.74
1843	Cornelius Warner to pay for dock work.....	128.93
1844.	Henry Remmey to pay labourers for cleaning Streets..	113. 6

[434] In Common Council, December 30. 1805

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Maturin Livingston Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott Wynant Van Zandt Junior James Drake Elias Nexsen Thurston Wood Abraham King Caleb Pell Jacob De la Montagnie James Fairlie	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris Adrian Hegeman Simon Van Antwerp Gilbert Coutant Jacob Shute Joseph Board John D Miller Samuel M Hopkins

Assistants

A petition of John R Lawrence for a water grant was referred to the Comptroller

An application of Abraham Stagg for a settlement of monies due him for paving streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Letter from George Clinton Junior and Gurdon S. Mumford representatives of this City in Congress acknowledging the receipt of the petition of this board for placing the harbour in a state of defence, and promising to use their exertions to promote that object was received.

A petition of William Butler that he may be permitted to pay the assessment of the Lot N° 175 Division Street in monthly instalments was granted upon his giving security to be approved by the Comptroller

[435] A return from Captain Peterson's company was referred to the Watch Committee

A communication of Mr Stevens complaining of the keeper of the Hoboken Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition of Thomas Buckley for a water grant was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

Alderman Pell, Van Zandt and Drake } Were appointed a Committee on applications for offices.

A petition of John Hooghlan for an Office was referred to the said Committee

William Nexsen was appointed a Weigh Master

An account of John S Delamater of Four Dollars for cash paid by him for removing a man whose leg was broken, to the Hospital passed the Board.

On receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that the Stand N° 35 Hudson Market be assigned to Tobias Sims.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Brown Lessee of the Brooklyn ferry reported against the prayer thereof Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that Adam Hyler, and John Sickles be appointed Watchmen and John Conry, Frederick Bolton, Peter Paulding, John Sibert and Joseph Marks be appointed Substitutes of Captain Petersons company

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Superintendant of the Alms house reported that no donations should be granted to the Out door poor without a recommendation from the Alderman or Assistant of the ward. And that it would be proper that two Aldermen should attend weekly at the Alms house for the purpose of regulating admissions, and directing the removal of paupers. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of considering the propriety of sweeping and cleansing the public Streets and gutters at the public charge Reported [436] their opinion that the Experiment ought to be made that the Law for the appointment of a Superintendant of Scavengers be amended accordingly and that provisions be made in the estimate of taxes for the ensuing year to defray the Contingent expences. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

On receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Robert Wallace was appointed to collect the monies on the Warrant for the drain in Beaver Street instead of John Bussing

A report of the Street Commissioner and a letter of John R Livingston in relation to the assessment for Division Street was referred to Alderman Mott M^{r} Torbert and the Street Commissioner

On receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that a Warrant for \$31 : $^{38}/_{100}$ issue in favor of William Dustan Collector of the assessment for regulating Broadway being the monies assessed on the estate of Nicholas Bayard and that such sum be a lien on the same in pursuance of Law.*

The Street Commissioner presented a report containing an assessment for regulating Duane Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector

* Marginal note reads *Lien*.—Ed.

Resolved that the Lamp Committee be requested to report their opinion on the propriety of farming out the Lamps of this City by the next meeting of the Board.

Alderman Fairlie, Van Zandt and De la Montagnie } Were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of Mr Mangin one of the City Surveyors.

The Committee on the Tunnel reported [437] that it would be proper to take legal measures for obtaining that part of Canal Street between Broadway and the Hudson which has not been proposed to be ceded and that the Attorney of the Board be directed to serve with the precept a notice from the Street Commissioner purporting that if Cession is made to the Corporation before the return of the said precepts all further proceedings will in that case be stayed, Ordered that the said report be confirmed and the necessary measures taken accordingly.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered 1777 and 1778 Ordered that the same pass.

An application of John B Coles and others for a canal from the North to the East River at the Battery was referred to the Board of Health.

A report of the Committee upon an application of the Superintendant of the Alms house concerning a slanderous publication in the Evening post was received and recommitted

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts			
Nos	1845	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....	$217.56
	1846	William Van Wart do	217.56
	1847	Magnus Beekman do	197.96
	1848	William Peterson Do	197.96
	1849	Hugh Gobel do	148.96
	1850	Gad Dumbolton do	148.96
	1851	John H Sickles Treasurer of Building Committee.....	4000.
	1852	Samuel Cowdrey Attorney of the Board in advance.....	200.
	1853	Benjamin Romaine to pay expence of Middle road.....	500.
	1854	Peter Nailor for masons work.....	16.84
	1855	George Warner for sacking bottoms.....	64.75
	1856	John Stoutenburgh for docks.....	28.
	1857	Daniel Woolsey do	46.62
[438]	1858	Abraham Hurd do	130.12
	1859	James Crum do	17.12
	1860	Henry Watkeys for candles.....	10.62
	1861	William I Waldron for taking Census.....	28.

Nos			
	1862	Samuel L Page for taking Census	$28.
	1863	Robert Sickles for two months Salary	66.66
	1864	Benjamin Demilt for regulating clocks	66.66
	1865	James Cheetham printing for Street Commissioner	102.81
	1866	Peter White for moving Fire Engine house	40.92
	1867	Henry Berry for Carpenters work	52.25
	1868	Henry Hilman for Carpenters work	110.77

[439] In Common Council, January 6, 1806

Present. DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman
Jacob De la Montagnie		Jacob Shute
James Fairlie		Joseph Board
Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert — Assistants
Thurston Wood		Gilbert Coutant
Jacob Mott		Samuel M Hopkins
Elias Nexsen		Simon Van Antwerp
Caleb Pell		John D Miller

A petition of Charles Dickinson and others was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

A petition of William Hillyer and others was referred to the Committee on piers. slips and wharves.

A return from Captain Beekmans company was referred to the Watch Committee

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of John R Livingston respecting the assessment of Division Street reported that the said assessment ought to remain confirmed

Ordered that such report be adopted

Ordered that the Lamp Committee be directed to try the Experiment of reflecting Lamps suspended in the middle of Streets, and also to examine the practicability of lighting the City by Furnaces

Alderman De la Montagnie was added to the Committee on the representation of the Superintendant of the Alms house

[440] Mr Shute, Coutant and Alderman Wood } Were appointed a committee to report suitable places for establishing pounds for cattle

A petition of Stephen Gould for a lease of the house at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets was referred to the Comptroller

A petition of John Dawson was referred to the Ferry Committee

A report of the Comptroller concerning the public land was re-

ferred to Alderman Van Zandt Fairlie, Mr Shute, and the Comptroller.

A representation of Thomas Stagg respecting the Engine house No° 26 was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A grant of a water lot to William Lawrence passed the board.

A resolution was presented respecting the physician of the Alms house Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to examine into the performance of the duties of that office

Ordered that Mr Shute be appointed a member of the Committee on Streets and roads.

On receiving the report of the Committee on that subject Ordered that the South Court room be assigned for military lectures during the pleasure of the board

James H. Todd N° 238 Water Street and Henry P Havens N° 228 Water Street were appointed Firemen to Company N° 21 instead of Frederick Davoe and Thomas Gilchrist resigned, John B Smith of the Bowery was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 10 instead of William Kline resigned, and Peter Chappel of N° 25 Bowery Lane was appointed [441] a Fireman of Company N° 15 and Clarkson Leferdge was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 3 instead of John Rutger resigned

The Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 1779 to N° 1816 inclusive Ordered that the same pass.

Ordered that the Ordinance to compel the proprietor of the Lot N° 79 Fair Street to fill in the same be repealed

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to present to this board a statement of the money due to the Manhattan Company with the money in the Treasury and his opinion whether the Corporation can pay a part of it off, and how soon the whole and that it shall be his duty at every meeting of this board to present a statement of the money in the Treasury.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts Nos			
1869	Philip J Arcularius for Support of Alms house	$4000.
1870	John Trumbull for paintings	200.
1871	Robert Sickles lighting and cleaning City lamps	326 75/100
1872	John Pintard for Salary	312 50/100
1873	James Hardie for Services	62 50/100
1874	John Hardy for Services	30.
1875	James Crum, carting earth	125.

Nos				
	1876	Peter Myer taking Jury list	.....	$16.
	1877	John Cozine do	.....	16.
	1878	Benjamin Brower for dock stone	.....	380.
	1879	Cornelius Seaman do	.....	50.
	1880	David Medlar do	.....	30.
	1881	B. Westervelt do	.....	25.
	1882	John De Noyelles do	.....	127.50
	1883	J Lawrence do	.....	30.
	1884	James Delancey do	.....	17.50
	1885	Daniel Van Wart do	.....	140.
	1886	John Woolsey do	.....	262.50
	1887	John Hilliker do	.....	75.
	1888	Abraham Lawson do	.....	180.
	1889	Albert Remsey do	.....	88.75
	1890	Nicholas Storms do	.....	27.50
	1891	H. Wood do	.....	17.50
	1892	Jacob Acker do	.....	17.50
	1893	A R Stevens do	.....	18.75
	1894	William Weaver Do	.....	18.75

[442] In Common Council, January 13, 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

James Drake		Joseph Board
Jacob Mott		Samuel M Hopkins
Caleb Pell		Samuel Torbert
Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Shute
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp Assistants
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		John D Miller
Jacob De la Montagnie		Gilbert Coutant
		Andrew Morris

Ordered that the Mayor and Recorder be vested with power to direct the admission of paupers in the Alms house

Petitions of John Pessinger and Jacob Fash for Butchers stands were referred to the Market Committee.

The Treasurer presented a communication to the Board, inclosing the Bond which was given by the Corporation to the Bank for $45000 to defray the expence of fortifications in the year 1799 Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to make a proper entry on his books of the said Bond and that the same is cancelled.

An application of Peter Schermerhorn was referred to the Comptroller.

An application of the practising Attornies in the Mayors Court

that this board petition to alter [443] and extend the terms of such Court was referred to the Committee on the revision of the Laws.

A request from the Widows Society that this Board will pay the tax on a house in Partition Street. purchased by them for charitable purposes was received and granted

An application of Henry Luquier and others was referred to the Committee on leases.

A communication of the Superintendant of the Alms house was referred to Alderman Dela Montagnie. Van Zandt and Mr Miller

A return from Captain Petersons Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of James Van Houten a Watchman of Captain Beekmans Company be confirmed

On receiving the report of the Committee on Docks and Slips Ordered that they wait on the Counsel of the Board and request him to draw a Bill to be presented to the Legislature for extending the powers and interests of this board in relation to piers.

Resolved that the Ordinance by which the Board agreed to accept of the Cession of streets of fifty feet in breadth be and the same is hereby repealed

A report of the Committee relative to improvements of Streets in this City. was referred to the Counsel and Attorney of the Board with instructions to prepare and report the draft of a Law for that purpose.

Alderman Drake, Mott and Mr Torbert } Were appointed a Committee to draft and report an ordinance for farming out the manure in the Streets.

A map of the harbour of this City made under the authority of the general government was directed to be purchased and framed.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to cloathe [444] and pay the expences of certain Southern Indians now in this City and to defray the expence of their passage home

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to compel Messieurs Dunlap and Grant to sink a pier on the west side of Charlotte Slip Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for making a Bulkhead in Bullock Street between the property of Abraham Cannon and Marinus Willett by the first day of May next Ordered that the same pass

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances for making Bulk heads between George and Charlotte Slips Ordered that the same pass.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 1817 to 1849 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that the Committee on docks and Slips be instructed to view the present situation of the Fly market Slip and to suggest such improvement as they may think proper.

Ordered that

Alderman Drake, Van Zandt, Mr Torbert } be appointed a Committee to draft and report a petition to the Legislature to raise the sum of $100,000 by a lottery or lotteries to defray the extraordinary expences of this City.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts Nos	1895	Jacob De la Montagnie Esquire Treasurer of the board of health	$1000.
[445]	1896	Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	217.56
	1897	William Van Wart do	217.56
	1898	Magnus Beekman do	197.96
	1899	William Peterson Do	197.96
	1900	Hugh Gobel do	148.96
	1901	Gad Dumbolton do	148.96
	1902	Nicholas Lawrence extra compensation to City Watch	430.56
	1903	William Van Wart do	411.84
	1904	Magnus Beekman do	278.76
	1905	William Peterson Do	266.64
	1906	Hugh Gobel do	209.76
	1907	Gad Dumbolton do	200.64
	1908	Matthew Dikeman work to pumps	246.87
	1909	Abraham Hurd, Blacksmiths work	70.25
	1910	Kay and Horner work to Wells	224.50
	1911	John McKie for timber	175.73
	1912	Walter Allen, for work at Slips and ferries	146.46
	1913	Daniel Woolsey for timber	71.31
	1914	Daniel Woolsey for dock work	49.46
	1915	John Armstrong for hawling dock logs	37.47
	1916	Nathan King for work to Machine	39.75
	1917.	P and E. Dob for Sinking block at Roosevelt Street	341.30
	1918	Jacob Gerhart for Carpenters Work	10.43
	1919	Oliver Jaques for money assessed to the board for paving Washington Street	99.75
	1920	Thomas Smith for carting dirt	37. 8
	1921	James Woods for lamp work	354.53
	1922	John B Brooks for repairing lamps	117.99

Nos	1923	Gilmore and Mariner Constables at election.....	$4.
	1924	William A Seely Clerk at Election.....	4.
	1925	Henry Watkeys for Candles.....	9.58
	1926	Henry Remmey Cleaning Streets.....	95.81
	1927	Peter Burtsell Stationary.....	26.93
	1928	James Smith for repaving Division Street.....	500.
	1929	Anthony Smith on his Contract for road at Kissing Bridge	1000.
	1930	Widows Society for tax on house in partition Street...	

[446] In Common Council, January 20. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior Jacob Mott James Drake Abraham King Caleb Pell Thurston Wood Jacob De la Montagnie James Fairlie	Esquires Aldermen	John D Miller Jacob Shute Samuel Torbert Adrian Hegeman Simon Van Antwerp Andrew Morris Samuel M Hopkins	Assistants.

A petition of Robert Lylburn respecting his land in the Commons was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A petition of John Holdron for a well in Cozine Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth ward with authority to grant the usual allowance.

A petition of A Hutchinson to be appointed Measurer of Lime was referred to the Committee on applications for offices

A petition of Several inhabitants of Canal Street for improvements was referred to the Canal Committee

A petition of Abijah Arden was referred to Alderman Wood, Mr Miller and Mr Hageman

A petition of the inhabitants of Brannon and Spring Streets against Nuisances was referred to the Street Commissioner

[447] The Committee appointed for that purpose reported the draft of a petition to the Legislature to enable and authorize this Board to raise the sum of $100,000 to defray the extraordinary expences of the City. Ordered that the same be adopted and transmitted under the seal of the Board.

A petition of John Doughty for liberty to exchange his stall was referred to the Market Committee

A Communication was received from Mr Strong stating that Mr

Vanderlyn wished to dispose of paintings to the board Ordered that the Board do not incline to purchase them

A report of the Attorney of the Board in respect of the valuation of the property of Thomas Burling was referred to the Street Commissioner

A report of the Street Commissioner relative to repaving Streets was referred to Alderman Van Zandt, Mr Mott and Mr Hegeman.

A petition of Amos Corning and Lemuel Skidmore for water grants was referred to the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents in the assessments for Broad, Sixth, Henry, Third and Division Streets. Ordered that Warrants issue.

An account of the Manhattan Company for water was referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented an estimate of the expences necessary for the current year, Ordered that it be referred to the Clerk and Comptroller to prepare the draft of a law for a tax

The Comptroller presented a report upon the petition of Stephen Gould praying a lease of the house at the corner of Wall and Broad Street. The same was referred to the Committee on leases.

Ordered that the Road Committee be directed to report upon the expediency of farming out the public roads.

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of Ebenezer Symmes and Robert Little be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 1850 to 1875 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

[448] Alderman Fairlie, De la Montagnie and Mr Morris } Were appointed a Committee to inform the Loan officer of the United States, that the Board will have occasion of the room now occupied by him on the first day of May next.

A petition of George Dieterich and others of the Bakers complaining of the incompetency of the present inspector of flour and praying that an application be made by this Board to the Legislature for an alteration of the Law for the inspection of flour was referred to Alderman Pell, De la Montagnie and Wood.

A petition of Thomas Buchanan and others, for the improvement of the road at Haerlam was referred to the Street Commissioner

Resolved that it is highly important that a correct Survey and map be made of the Island of New York laying down as well the individual as the Corporation property, and also the heighths, valleys,

roads and wharves, the same was referred to Alderman Fairlie, Mr Hopkins and Mr Shute

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report if any what alterations should be made in the keeping the accounts and payment of monies on account of this Board. Alderman Mott, Mr Torbert, and Alderman King were appointed the said Committee

Resolved that the Committee on the revision of the Laws be discharged from reporting upon the expediency of extending the term of liability for passengers.

Ordered that the sum assessed for the property taken from Samuel Burling be paid to [449] him and that Alderman King. Mr Shute and Alderman Wood be appointed a Committee to dispose of Buildings thereon.

Ordered that the collection of the Assessment for Beaver Street be suspended and that the Alderman and Assistant of the first ward report such cases of hardship as may exist therein

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts Nos		
1931.	John H Sickles Treasurer of the Building Committee..	$3000.
1932.	Jacob De la Montagnie Esquire Salary as Special Justice	250.
1933.	Theophilus Beekman Esquire—the same	250.
1934.	Bernard Oblenis—Clerk to do	250.
1935	Benjamin Romaine Salary as Comptroller	250.
1936.	John S Hunn Salary as Street Commissioner	375.
1937	Andrew Otterson for Services	52.
1938	Edward Moran for Services	52.
1939	John Sharp for timber	8.93
1940.	John Sharp for timber	13.92
1941	John Sharp for lamp posts	78. 6
1942	John Sharp for Dock logs	400.52
1943	Estate of Cornelius Clopper for interest on Bonds	187.50
1944	Christian Nestell balance as Inspector of Bread	62.90
1945	Oliver Jaques Assessment in Duane Street on this board	180.14
1946.	Oliver Jaques money assessed to this Board on Chatham Street	78.91
1947	Lewis Ford for work to Stanton Street	20.25
1948	James C Brasher attending Battery on Sundays	15.
1949	Gosman and McComb for work to Stanton Street	14%00

[450] In Common Council. January 23. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp
Jacob Dela Montagnie		Jacob Shute
Abraham King		Adrian Hegeman — Assistants
Thurston Wood		Gilbert Coutant
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris
James Fairlie		Samuel M Hopkins

Petitions of several inhabitants of Brannon and Spring Streets were respectively received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A return from Captain Dumboltons company was referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of Josiah Shippey for increase of salary as Clerk of the Alms house was referred to Alderman Mott Drake & Mr Coutant

Ordered that the Clerk furnish a list of the standing committees for the use of the Board.

The Committee on the revision of the laws reported drafts of acts for altering and extending the terms of the Mayors Court, and also to invest this board with more extensive powers in relation to the police of this City. Ordered that the same be transmitted to the Legislature with petitions under the seal of the Board

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts Nos			
	1950	Philip J Arcularius for Support of the Alms house.....	$1000.
	1951	John S Hunn to pay a Note to P and E Dob on their contract	2000.
	1952	John S Hunn to pay another note to the same.....	2000.

[451] In Common Council. January 27. 1806.

Present James Fairlie Esquire. Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp
Elias Nexsen		Joseph Board
Jacob De la Montagnie		Jacob Shute — Assistants
Abraham King		Adrian Hegeman
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Samuel M Hopkins
Caleb Pell		Gilbert Coutant
		John D Miller

James Fairlie Alderman of the third ward produced his Commission as deputy Mayor of this City with the approbation of the Governor thereon, and in the presence of the board took and subscribed the oaths of office required by law before Tunis Wortman one of the

Commissioners named in the Commission of Dedimus Potestatem in and for the City and County of New York

A petition of John Jones against running a road through his land was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Petitions of George and Richard Downing and of Thomas Clark to be relieved from penalties for not sinking Bulk heads pursuant to Ordinances of this Board were referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward.

A petition of Lewis D Bruyerre that the City Treasurer may consent to the revocation of letters of administration on the estate of his son was referred to Alderman Dela Montagnie Mr Hopkins and Mr Van Antwerp

[452] Samuel Rosett, Shoemaker of No 43 Partition Street was appointed a Fireman to Company No 14 instead of Garret Neafie.

A Law to provide for sweeping and cleansing the streets was reported, and recommitted to the same Committee

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of Henry Focht and Jacob Banta, be confirmed.

A question was taken whether this board would consent to petition the Legislature to raise the sum of $156,540 42/100 by tax, being the amount of the Comptrollers estimate, the division being taken thereon, it was negatived as follows to wit.

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	De la Montagnie	Alderman	Mott
	Van Zandt		Wood
Mr	Morris		Drake
	Van Antwerp		Nexsen
	Hegeman		King
	Hopkins		Pell
	Miller	Mr	Torbert
			Board
			Shute
			Coutant

The question was then taken on the sum of $140,000, and carried as follows to wit

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Nexsen	Alderman	Mott
	Dela Montagnie		Wood
	Van Zandt		Drake
Mr	Morris		King
	Van Antwerp		Pell
[453]	Board	Mr	Torbert
	Hegeman		Shute
	Hopkins		Coutant.
	Miller		

A report of the Committee respecting the leasing of the property of the board was adopted. Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare a map or plan of the public ground which it is intended to lease, and that such Committee have power to employ the Street Commissioner, and one or more of the Surveyors for that purpose, And also that such Committee be instructed to report the terms of leasing such property in pursuance of the report adopted

Alderman Van Zandt
King
Mr Hegeman
} Were appointed the said committee

The petition of Robert Lylburn was referred to the same Committee

Ordered that the Mayor be requested to give a sum not exceeding thirty dollars to the Indians now in this City.

On receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to license Mr Bond as a Butcher to be a Copartner with Mr Fash in the business of the stall granted to Mr Fash if he thinks proper.

A report of the Comptroller on the petition of Abraham Brevoort for a renewal of his lease was referred to Alderman Van Zandt, King, and Mr Hegeman

The following report was received from the Comptroller, respecting the settlement of the Mayors accounts. I do Certify that I have examined the accounts of De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor of the City, for Tavern licences issued by him from 1 November 1804 to 1 November 1805. That 1698 Licences have been issued at 3 $^{75}/_{100}$ each, amounting as appears [454] by the account current within stated to $6367.$^{5}/_{100}$ The within account current exhibits sundry charges being expenditures in the issuing of said Licenses amounting to $233 $^{9}/_{100}$ leaving a balance of $6134 $^{41}/_{100}$. By agreement the Mayor retains 112½ Cents on each license amounting to $1910.$^{25}/_{100}$ leaving a neat balance of $4224 $^{16}/_{100}$ in favour of the Corporation which sum has been paid by the Mayor into the City Treasury excepting $100. I do further Certify that I have examined the returns rendered to the Mayor by the Clerks of the several Markets, for the neat amount of Fees, and that it appears $6644.$^{52}/_{100}$ has been received from 5 November 1804 to 2 November 1805 as appears by the within account current together with an estimate annexed. The Mayor has retained the one half of the Market fees to his own use and paid the remaining one half into the City Treasury being $3322 $^{26}/_{100}$. It therefore appears that the Mayors accounts are fully adjusted with the Corpora-

tion respecting the several sums of money received by him on Tavern licenses and Market fees. As the same is more particularly stated in the within account current, excepting $100 which remain due to the Corporation on the Tavern Licence account

Bn Romaine
24 January 1806 Comptroller

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner reported a clause proper to be annexed to the law for vesting additional powers in this board for the more speedy and sure collection of assessments on vacant Lots

[455] Ordered that the same be transmitted to the Legislature

The Street Commissioner reported a return of delinquents in the assessment for East Rutgers Street Ordered that a Warrant issue

The Street Commissioner reported deeds from Samuel Burling, John Hanmer, Abraham Cargill and William Shatzel for the property taken to continue the upper part of Broadway Ordered that the same be accepted.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	$217.56
William Van Wart do	217.56
Magnus Beekman Do	197.96
William Peterson do	197.96
Hugh Gobel do	148.96
Kimball and Skaats for painting Bellevue	891.93
Kimball and Skaats for painting	75.42
Kimball and Skaats do	34.12
William Weyman for cloathing	49.12
Arthur Johnson for carting dirt	61.62
Robert Sickles lighting and cleaning City lamps	355. 8
Abraham Hurd for work at Bellevue	139.37
John McComb for paving	322.38
John Pintard cash advanced for cleansing sink	10.50
Jacob Shearburn for passage of Indians	60.
Andrew Otterson for Services	44.
Edward Moran do	44.
Despard and Thomas for Gin furnished at Fire	7.50
Samuel Burling for his ground	1237.
Abraham Cargell do	45.
John Hanmer do	50.
William Shatzel do	492.

[456] In Common Council, February 3, 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire. Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen.	Andrew Morris
James Drake		Joseph Board
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp
Thurston Wood		Adrian Hegeman
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Jacob Shute
Caleb Pell		Gilbert Coutant
Jacob De la Montagnie.		John D Miller
		Samuel M Hopkins
		Samuel Torbert.

Assistants.

On receiving a report of the Market Committee Ordered that the Corporation property at the Fort called Rhinelander's fort be leased at auction for the term of Seven Years and that the Street Commissioner be directed to present a plan of the Lots for that purpose.

A petition from Several of the Lamplighters for an increase of Salary during the late Epidemic was referred to the Lamp Committee.

Petitions from John Delamater for a renewal of his lease, from Mary Hogan for the use of a gang way, and of John Good for the extension of a lease were ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved that three persons be appointed to value without delay buildings on Corporation [457] ground the leases of which expire agreeable to the Comptrollers report and that such valuation be made under oath and the persons appointed shall receive Two dollars and fifty cents per day each, during the time they may be so employed.

Resolved that Andrew Morrell, John McComb and George Ireland be and they are hereby appointed for the purposes contained in the preceding resolution, and that the Comptroller be the proper Officer to have the object contained in the said resolution carried into effect.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draft of an Act for the appointment of Commissioners to regulate and lay out Streets in this City beyond certain limits. Mr Morris moved to amend the second section of such act by directing those limits to run down the Bowery Road and extend to North, with the exception of Minthorne, Street, And a division being taken thereon the same passed in the negative as follows.

Affirmative

Alderman Van Zandt	Mr Morris	Mr Hopkins.

Negative	
Alderman Mott	Mr Board
Drake	Van Antwerp
King	Hegeman
Wood	Shute
Pell	Coutant
Dela Montagnie	Miller
	Torbert

[458] Ordered that the said Bill be referred to Mr Hopkins, Hegeman and the Street Commissioner

A petition of James and William Sterling for the estate of Bryan Healy in the hands of the City Treasurer was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A petition of Samuel Martin for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee.

Resolved that the Comptroller be requested to advertise for public auction with all speed the property that the Corporation owns the buildings thereon, the leases expiring the first of May next, for lease for the term of five years and the person who may lease the same to give security to be approved of, by the Common Council

Resolved that it be the duty of the Clerk of the Alms house to attend to the duties of his office at all times when the Office requires his attendance

Upon receiving the report of the Committee for that purpose Ordered that the salary of the Clerk of the Alms house be increased to Six hundred Dollars per annum.

The following report was received to wit The Committee appointed to examine the Attorney's accounts and fix upon the principle as respects his charges have the honour to submit the following.

It appeared by examination of the former Attorney of the Corporation accounts that he received one half the fines sued for and recovered.

Such rate of allowance does not appear to be correct, inasmuch as in some cases of [459] the same nature in principle, different degrees of labour and attention are necessary on the part of the Attorney.

The present Attorney is willing to receive as a compensation Two dollars in each case of complaint, where the fine is under $25 and in cases under the charter for selling liquor he thinks himself entitled to Five dollars for each case, and in all cases for twenty five Dollars

and upwards. Five Dollars. The rate of charges mentioned Your Committee think reasonable.

Ja^{s} Drake
J. D Miller
Simon Van Antwerp

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The account of the Attorney of the Board was referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of William Thomas and others for the regulation of the upper part of Broadway was referred to the Street Commissioner

An account of the Superintendant of Scavengers was referred to the Committee on farming out the manure.

David Bryson. Tanner N° 48 Frankford Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 12 instead of John Van Norden resigned. and Gilbert B Mott Accountant N° 14 Thames Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 20 instead of Henry I Kip resigned

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the petition of M^{r} Smith respecting his Buildings and improvements at Hellgate Ferry. Reported. that they have viewed and examined the said Buildings and improvements, and are of opinion that it would be advisable for the Board, to purchase the same of M^{r} Smith, provided he will agree to dispose of them for such price or valuation as may be set upon them, by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose [460] And the Committee are also of opinion that it would be expedient to take the boats now belonging to said ferry at a fair valuation.

And^{w} Morris
February 3. 1806. Samuel Torbert
Adrian Hegeman

Ordered that the same be confirmed, and that the Ferry Committee be appointed to value the said Boats and improvements.

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances to fill up vacant lots in Brannon Spring and Bullock Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Ordered that Warrants issue on the Treasurer to pay the Assessments of Andrew S Norwood Heirs of M^{rs} Stewart, J Craighton, Tenant, and Richard Ten Eyck for the drain in Beaver Street, and that the Collector proceed to procure the residue of the assessment.

The Street Commissioner reported in favour of opening Varick Street between Brannon and Budd Streets, Ordered that he be authorized to treat for Cessions for that purpose

Ordered that the Eleventh section of the law for preventing and extinguishing fires in the City of New York be amended so "that the firewardens or any of them shall in every year at such period as may be most expedient examine the houses and Buildings, etc'

Alderman Van Zandt, De la Montagnie and Mott } Were appointed a Committee of Finance

[461] The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances from N° 1899 to 1952 inclusive ordered that the same pass.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issued Warrts

N°s	1975	Henry Remmey Superintendant of Scavengers	$400.
	1976.	William Shatzel for rent of Justices Court	100.
	1977	Gad Dumbolton for City Watch	148.96
	1978	James Hardie for Services	62.50
	1979	David Longworth for Maps	53.50
	1980	John Hardie for Services	30.
	1981	John Burger for Coroners fees	128.87
	1982	Timothy B Crane for Carpenters work	77.37
	1983	John McKenzie for keeping Potters field	153.
	1984	James Cheetham for printing	26.75
	1985	Proprietor of Daily Advertiser for printing	50.
	1986	John Holdron for pump	30.
	1987	John S Delamater carrying man to Hospital	4.
	1988	Thomas Brown for Chief Engineers account	916.55
	1989	Arthur Johnson for carting Earth	94.
	1990	John N Riker for Stone to pumps	23.62
	1991	Abraham Riker do	32.81
	1992	Walter Allen for Work to docks	61.42
	1993	Daniel Woolsey do	37.12
1994.	1995. 1996	Lewis Ford, for Carpenters work	171.87
	1997	Dikeman and Varian for work	314.46
	1998	Jean Baptiste for boarding Indians	60.
	1999	A S Norwood drain in Beaver Street	41. 4
	2000.	J Craighton do	42.93
		Richard Ten Eyck for drain, in Beaver Street	54 11/100

[462] In Common Council. February 10. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire. Deputy Mayor

Jacob De la Montagnie James Drake Thurston Wood Caleb Pell Elias Nexsen Wynant Van Zandt Junior Jacob Mott Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris Gilbert Coutant John D Miller Adrian Hegeman Samuel Torbert Simon Van Antwerp Joseph Board	Assistants

A petition of Robert Cay for services in the Alms house was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Benjamin S Hendrickson, Sailmaker of N° 55 William Street was appointed a fireman to Company N° 20 instead of Henry Rankin resigned, and William Reynolds Joseph Clark and Nathaniel Hart were appointed Firemen to Company N° 10 instead of Robert Wade Gilbert Coutant and Samuel Lord resigned.

Ordered that the law of this board respecting Fires and Firemen be published and that 200 copies be printed for the use of the Firemen.

A memorial of several inhabitants of Brooklyn respecting the Brooklyn Ferry was received and Ordered to lie on the Table.

[463] A petition of Jacob K Duryee for an Office was referred to the Committee on applications for offices.

A petition of Miss Vaillant to be paid for working a set of Colours was referred to Alderman Fairlie, Van Zandt, and De la Montagnie

A return from Captain Lawrences Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

A petition of Samuel Degroat to be relieved from a fine for not cleaning the streets of snow opposite to the dutch church was granted upon payment of costs.

A petition of G and R Waite that a building erected by them in Maiden lane contrary to law may remain, was ordered to lie on the table.

Petitions of Henry Rosenkrantz and Thomas Skillman for Butchers stands were referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Stevens respecting the Hoboken ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

The Attorney of the Board presented a report respecting the estate of Bryan Healy Ordered that the same be referred to the City Treasurer.

The City Treasurer reported to the Board that he has paid into the hands of L P Briere all the money that was in his hands, and has delivered him the letters and papers excepting the Books of account, these were put into the hands of Samuel M Hopkins Esquire for collection by consent of Mr Briere, that on consulting the Surrogate he is of opinion that after the expiration of the term mentioned by the act for paying into the Corporation any balance in his hands a new administration de bonis non may be granted to Mr Briere, indemnification to be given. The Committee to whom was referred the application of Mr Brierre, together with the above report submitted the same to the Board, Ordered [464] that the same be confirmed

An application respecting the house of Mrs Laight was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Seventh ward

Ordered that the Committee of Finance formerly appointed be discharged and that a Committee of five be appointed by ballot, the board proceeded to ballot for a Committee of finance and Alderman King, Mott, Drake, Mr Torbert and Mr Miller were appointed accordingly

A law respecting Tavern keepers was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

Alderman De la Montagnie, Mr Hopkins and Mr Hegeman } Were appointed a Committee to restrain Pawn Brokers and buyers of second hand articles.

Alderman Pell, Mr Board, Miller } Were appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the present state of the Collect

Resolved that the Comptroller lay before the Board at their next meeting a statement of the amount received from the Collectors of the several wards on the last annual tax, and also a statement of the amounts of the tax and of the balance due in each ward.

Resolved that the Treasurer lay before the Board at their next meeting a detailed statement of the Sums of Money actually received from the Collectors of the respective wards upon [465] the last annual tax,

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts

Nos				
1	Philip J Arcularius for support of Alms house....			$2625.24
2	Tunis Wortman half a quarters salary.....			75.
3	Nicholas Lawrence, for City Watch.....			217.56
4	William Van Wart	do	.....	217.56
5	Magnus Beekman	do	.....	197.96
6	William Peterson	Do	.....	197.96
7	Hugh Gobel	do	.....	148.96
8	Gad Dumbolton	do	.....	148.96

Nos	9	Kelley and Lothrop—work at Kissing bridge.....	$200.
	10	David Robertson. work at Bellevue.....	113^{100}
	11	Kay and Horner work to pumps.....	481.62
	12	Commercial Advertiser for printing.....	3.30
	13	Henry Brooks for tan.....	31.
	14	Andrew Richafdson for planks.....	8.75
	15	Cornelius Warner Salary etc.....	532.
	16	Charles Van Orden rent of Watch house.....	25.
	17	William McIntosh meteorological observations.....	26.
	18	George Stanton attendance in purchasing a Lot.....	10.
	19	James Crum, carting dirt.....	65.87
	20	Thomas Burling for ground taken to continue Broadway..	2575.
	21	Dr De Gray do.....	450.
	22	Joseph Board for Committee of repairs.....	444.50
	23	William Dustan money assessed to the heirs of Nicholas Bayard for regulating Broadway.....	31.38
	24	Benjamin Romaine for money advanced to Indians.....	15.

[466] In Common Council. February 17. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire. Deputy Mayor

James Drake Thurston Wood Caleb Pell Wynant Van Zandt Junior Elias Nexsen Abraham King Jacob Dela Montagnie	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris Jacob Shute Simon Van Antwerp Gilbert Coutant Samuel Torbert Adrian Hegeman John D Miller Joseph Board

Assistants

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of several of the Bakers relative to the imperfections in the present laws for the inspection of Flour reported that it would be proper to have three inspectors, each of whom should be a Miller or a Baker, Ordered that the Clerk prepare the draft of a memorial and Bill to be presented to the Legislature accordingly

A petition of Tunis Van Pelt and others for a pump at the corner of Budd and Greenwich Streets was directed under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

A petition of William Drontwine for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee

[467] A petition of John Stilwell for the regulation of Brannon Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ward

A petition of the Overseers of the roads was referred to the Road Committee.

A petition of John Townley and others respecting the collect was referred to the Committee on that subject.

The petition of John Hopper to be recommended as an Inspector of Flour was received and Ordered to lie on the table

The Committee to whom was referred the petition on that subject reported that it would be adviseable to leave Brannon and Spring Streets as originally ceded to the Corporation Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A resolution that the Comptroller call on persons indebted to the Corporation to make payments and a report of the Comptroller respecting water grants, together with a petition of Peter G. Stuyvesant was referred to the Committee of Finance.

On receiving the petition of Amos Corning, and Lemuel Skidmore, Ordered that a water grant be made to them opposite to their property at the foot of Provoost Street upon the same terms as were granted to Messieurs Clarkson.

A Memorial of Abraham Cannon praying that the grant formerly ordered to be made to him opposite his property at Corlaers hook may be executed was received and granted Ordered that the Comptroller be directed to make out the grant accordingly.

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of Edward Earle one of the Watchmen of Captain Lawrence's Company be confirmed.

A petition of Fire Engine Company N° 1 for a new Engine was referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

[468] James Quackenbos Shoemaker of N° 294 Pearl Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 7 instead of John Smith resigned Dugald M^cKenzie grocer of N° 22 Peck Slip was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 7 instead of William Cook resigned James Denham was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 11, instead of John Crigier resigned, and Philip E Ruckel was appointed a Fireman to Engine N° 23 instead of David Hakle who is absent.

A petition from Mary Woodcock to be relieved from her tax amounting to $2.18, was received and granted

Ordered that the Board of Health be augmented by the remainder of the members of this board, and that five members shall form a quorum to transact business.

A petition of M^r Amerman respecting the Ferry was referred to the Comptroller.

The Road committee presented a report for the improvement of the middle road. Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Treasurer reported to the Board that he is willing to pay the balance of the estate of Bryan Healy to Mr Sterling upon receiving a proper and sufficient indemnity.

The Street Commissioner reported the proposals for filling in White hall Slip and it appearing that the proposal of Robert Davis to perform the same for $118 is the lowest Ordered that the same be accepted.

The Street Commissioner reported to the Common Council that the Collector for Cherry Street had collected about $1100, that the [469] damages awarded to George Janeway were $1000 and he has been assessed $288 that the damages awarded to Thomas Ivers were $1347.80 and he has been assessed 936.6. and that they are willing to receive their balances and to convey the property, the Street Commissioner therefore requested permission to make such disposition of the money collected, Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for Division Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Abraham Stagg appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances for regulating Hetty and Hudson Streets. Ordered that the same pass the board.

The City Inspector Reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2000. to 2074 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

An application of John S Delamater was referred to the Comptroller.

An application of Henry Remmey was referred to Alderman Mott, Drake and Shute.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts

Nos	25	Samuel M Hopkins Esquire for the use of Mr Tomlinson towards his Hydraulic Machine	$125.
	26	David King for Beer	63.93
	27	Duncan Sinclair, public repairs	74.93
	28	Morrell, McComb and Ireland, for appraising property	30.
	29	John Sharp for pine logs	4.
	30	Watson and Campbell for timber	25.39
	31	S Gould and Company for Stationary	15 87/100

A Law, to provide for the sweeping and cleaning of the Streets in the City of New York. was passed at this meeting.

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[470] In Common Council. February 20. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire, Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott Caleb Pell Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt Junior James Drake Jacob De la Montagnie Elias Nexsen	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris Jacob Shute Gilbert Coutant Simon Van Antwerp Adrian Hegeman John D Miller

Assistants

The Market Committee reported that they have Contracted with Samuel Winship to supply the Bridewell with beef, and with the old Butcher for the supply of the Alms house, Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

On receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that Samuel Martin have the stand N° 37 Hudson Market.

The Committee on leases presented a report. Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman De la Montagnie Pell and Drake except with respect to the lots necessary to continue Chamber Street

The persons appointed to appraise certain Buildings standing on Lots belonging to the Corporation, reported the following valuation to wit.

N° 108.	Corner of William and Barley Street	.....	$930
161.	William Street	.....	50
132.	do	.....	250
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131	William Street	.....	90
130	do	.....	750
127	do	.....	1200
126	do	.....	700
102	South side of Chatham Street	.....	500
103	do	.....	75
104	do	.....	225
105	do	.....	1250
Part of N° 104 and 105	Barley Street	.....	350
Barley Street, rear of lot N° 104 and 105		.....	425
N° 106.	Corner of William and Barley Streets	.....	500
118	South side of Chatham Street	.....	550
117	do	.....	1250
116	do	.....	320
2.	North side of Chatham Street	.....	175
5	do	.....	250
25	South side of Augustus Street	.....	75
24	do	.....	—
23	do	.....	175
22	do	.....	500

Improvements on Lot of Peter Stevens, Bloomingdale road		$160
do	Henry Sickner do	180
do	Frederick Pinehoven, Middle and cross roads	220
do	Michael Heaviner, Middle road	135
No 9.	North side of Barley Street	150
11	do	400

A question being taken on accepting the said valuation and the division being called the same was carried in the affirmative as follows to wit

Affirmative

Alderman Mott	Mr Morris
Pell	[472] Shute
Van Zandt	Van Antwerp
Dela Montagnie	Hegeman
Nexsen	Miller

Negative

Alderman Wood Alderman Drake.

A petition for the regulation of Hammond Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Ordered that the hiring of men and providing horses for the mud machine be referred to the Committee on that subject.

Ordered that a new Election be held for a Collector of the second ward in the stead of Jeremiah Marshal resigned on the day of And that the same Inspectors and place of election be reappointed

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts

Nos 32,	John H Sickles Treasurer of Building Committee	$2000
33,	Joseph F. Mangin for a Suit of colours	25

[473] In Common Council. February 22. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor

Caleb Pell		Samuel Torbert
James Drake		Andrew Morris
Jacob Mott		Adrian Hegeman
Elias Nexsen	Esquires Aldermen	Gilbert Coutant
Jacob De la Montagnie		Simon Van Antwerp
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Samuel M Hopkins
		Joseph Board

Assistants.

The Clerk reported to the Board a memorial to the Legislature to alter the act for the Inspection of Flour in this City. Ordered that the same be confirmed and transmitted under the public seal.

An application from the keeper of Staten Island Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

[474] In Common Council February 24. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire. Deputy Mayor

Abraham King Jacob De la Montagnie James Drake Jacob Mott Elias Nexsen	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert Jacob Shute Gilbert Coutant Simon Van Antwerp Joseph Board Samuel M Hopkins Adrian Hegeman	Assistants.

An application of the Humane Society for a house to be used as a soup house for the poor was referred to Alderman De la Montagnie, Nexsen and Mr Hopkins.

Lodowick Medler, Cartman Hester Street, and Edward Thiel Cartman Grand Street were appointed Firemen to Company N° 26 instead of Philip Smith and Ezekiel Bishop resigned. Thomas Sinken Coach maker N° 2 Leonard Street, James Ginnings Coach maker N° 63 Murray Street and John Hill, Cage maker N° 4 Broad Street were appointed Firemen to Company N° 3 instead of John N Luff and John Kelly resigned and Richard Van Varick removed Frederick Ridebuck, Cabinet Maker of N° 6 Read Street was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 24 instead of Jacob Rezew resigned, and Peoly Young Cabinet maker 73 Broad Street was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 24 instead of Alexander Hutchinson

[475] On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of John Robison, William Morgan and Adam Pulis. Watchmen of Captain Lawrence's company be confirmed.

An account of David Kings for rooms for the use of Grand Juries was referred to the Comptroller

A petition of George Codwise was referred to the Committee on wharves piers and slips.

A petition of William Winthrop and others respecting the Hellgate ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

A report of the Street Commissioner of an Ordinance to assess the expence of opening Broadway in continuation above Art Street was received and confirmed, and Nicholas Fish, George J Warner, Elbert Kip. John Thompson and William Waldron were appointed assessors.

The Alderman and assistant of the Eighth ward were directed to enquire into certain Trespasses committed by felling trees in the upper part of Broadway.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Stagg. Ward, and others, relative to the Building a pier eastward of Peck Slip reported that the proprietors on releasing to the Common Council the right of forty feet from a line of the East side the said Slip and half the wharfage at the South end of the said pier that they have permission to sink and build a pier Two hundred and fifty feet in length and thirty feet in width falling back from a line of the said Slip forty feet the Common Council pay the one half the expence and the other proprietors bears theirs jointly and that the said pier be sunk under the direction of the Street Commissioner [476] And also that the proprietors have permission to build a pier on a line, with Dover Street of the width of 30 feet and to extend two hundred and fifty feet into the river under the direction of the Street Commissioner. Ordered that the same be confirmed

A petition of John Jacob Astor was received and referred to the Comptroller

A report of the Committee of Finance respecting the new City hall was referred to the Building Committee.

An application of Rufus King. Peter Jay Munro, and others was referred to Mr Board, Hegeman and Hopkins.

A report of the Street Commissioner relative to the laying out Streets in the upper part of Broadway was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the eighth ward.

On receiving a report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that a precept be issued for the opening of Varick Street from Brannon to Budd Street

A report of the Committee on the Collect was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

Alderman Mott, Drake and Nexsen. } Were appointed a committee to assign deposits of manure in the several districts advertised for contract

On receiving the report of the Comptroller Ordered that the house now occupied by John S Delamater be rented to him for the additional term of one year but that this board will make no repairs thereto

[477] On receiving the report of the Comptroller. Ordered that the improvements of Mr Smith at Horns hook ferry be purchased, the buildings and improvements at $750 and the Scows and boats at $250.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2075 to 2136 inclusive, Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the City Inspector prosecute offenders for trespasses in the Streets and foot walks.

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to employ one or more marshals to drive away idle boys on Sabbaths from Bayards ground and its neighbourhood

Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to pay the several accounts for taking Jury lists, upon the persons appointed, qualifying thereto

Resolved that the books containing the lists of Jurors be referred to the Aldermen and assistants of the respective wards to prepare and report lists of Jurors.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrants

Nos	34	Benjamin Romaine to pay Nôte of P and E Dobs.....	$3000.
	35	Nicholas Lawrence—City Watch.....	217.56
	36.	William Van Wart do	217.56
	37.	Magnus Beekman do	197.96
	38.	William Peterson Do	197.96
	39.	Hugh Gobel do	148.96
	40.	Gad Dumbolton do	148.96
	41	Bartholomew Skaats—for Salary.....	121. 7
	42	Thomas Hazard—for Salary.....	437.50
	43.	Joseph Webb repairs to Lamps.....	44 13/100
	44.	Thomas Martin for Chair hire.....	86.58
	45.	Andrew Leary for Carpenters work.....	94.93
	46.	Lang and Turner for advertising.....	2.
	47	Robert Dodge for repairs to Lamps.....	90.70
	48.	Beekman M Van Beuren repairing public roads.....	136. 6
	49	Samuel B Waldron—repairing public roads.....	542.82
	50.	Wright and Keeler taking census, Seventh ward.....	140.
	51.	Murphy and Thompson taking census, third ward.....	100.

The City Inspector Reported the Census of the Inhabitants of this City together with the persons who retired, during the Malignant Fever last season. See Report. P. 552.

[478] In Common Council, March 3. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt. Junior Elias Nexsen Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Caleb Pell James Drake Abraham King Jacob De la Montagnie	Esquires Aldermen.	Samuel Torbert Simon Van Antwerp Jacob Shute Joseph Board John D Miller Samuel M Hopkins Andrew Morris Adrian Hegeman Gilbert Coutant	Assistants.

An application of William Few Esquire Commissioner of loans for the use of a room in the City hall was received and ordered to lie on the table.

An application of Waters Furman respecting assessment monies on a lot of ground due by John Michaels was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A petition of Daniel Winship and others to regulate Delancey Street to Arundel Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Reuben Ayers and others to regulate Mary Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

[479] The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Adolph Carter to remit his tax reported that there was a mistake in copying the Books Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller to settle the same according to the justice of the case

A petition of Abraham Day and others relative to measuring American Coals was referred to the Committee for the revision of the Laws.

A report of the Ferry Committee respecting the Hoboken ferry was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John McKie for a water grant was referred to the Comptroller

A petition of several commandants of Militia uniform Companies for the use of ground for a drill room was referred to Alderman De la Montagnie, Mr Miller, Hegeman

A petition of Henry Masterton and others for the regulation of Elms Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Isaac Worden respecting the removal of his house in Brannon St was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the eighth ward

An application of Joseph Watkins and others respecting the Bulkhead in Brannon Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to cause the park to be manured, and to close the several gates for the space of Thirty days, and that a proper person be appointed to oversee the same during that time

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the first ward cause the Battery to be manured and to provide Lombardy Poplars to replace such trees as may be deficient, and to cause the trees now on the same to be trimmed in such a manner as may benefit them

Resolved that the Lamp Committee cause an experiment to be made by putting reflectors in such number of small [480] Lamps as they may think proper

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine the proposals that may be given for cleansing the Streets and report by the next meeting of the Board the list of the applicants And also which of the Candidates are the most proper, the same was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

David Morgan N° 82 James Street was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 17 in the stead of Robert Stanton removed, Richard Chew Inn keeper of Dover Street and George Mason of Peck Slip were appointed Firemen of the Floating Engine. Joseph Dorsett, Shoemaker of Water Street, Simeon Brown Ship Wright Water Street, Benjamin H Davoue, Merchant of Pearl Street and Benjamin Birdsall Currier of Frankford Street were appointed members of the Floating Engine Fire Company. Charles M^cPherson was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 6, Ely Frost was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 11 instead of William Seaman resigned. Luduwick Harpel was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 10 instead of James Palmer resigned. James Ferguson accountant of the seventh ward was appointed a member of Company N° 8 instead of Abraham Heller, Bush Brown and Hugh M^cDowell were appointed Firemen of Company N° 22 instead of John Polhemus and Benjamin Douglass

A petition of Joseph Brotherton for release of the rent of the Watch house was received and ordered to lie on the table, Ordered that no part of the Watch house be rented in future.

[481] An application of M^r Ogden stating that he has been assessed in two wards was referred to Alderman Drake M^r Hopkins, and M^r Hegeman

A report of the Chief Engineer was referred to the Committee on the Fire department

The Committee appointed to aid the Street Commissioner in projecting two streets on the west side of Broadway between Art and Bleecker Streets beg leave in part to report. That they have viewed the premises and taken the subject under their consideration, and that in consequence of the situation of the property they have agreed and now recommend that a Street be run from Broadway to Bastaven Killitie through the ground of Henry M Van Solingen as represented by the red lines on the map, taking the whole of his front on broadway which is 52 feet 1 inch, and opposite the South lines of Jones Street, to be called Amity Street, in lieu of Amity Street which lay diagonally to the South of it and which they recommend to be shut up, Ordered that the same be confirmed

Resolved that all out door donations cease in future from the Alms house, unless a special order is given from the Aldermen and assistants of the respective wards

Resolved that Mr Shippey be appointed to take charge of the observatory at the Alms house instead of Dr McIntosh resigned.

Resolved that White Street, Walker Street, and Sugar loaf Streets. be run straight from Church Street to Elm Street and be respectively fifty feet in breadth and that Elm Street be continued straight from Leonard Street to Pitt Street and be of the breadth of Sixty feet

[482] On receiving the report of the Committee of Finance Resolved that the Treasurer and comptroller be directed to use every mean in their power without delay. to notice all persons indebted to this Corporation that prompt settlement be made on or before the first day of April next, and in case of refusal or neglect that the Comptroller immediately place such accounts into the hands of the Attorney of the Board for recovery

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed without delay to cause to be reassessed on the inhabitants, the several sums of money paid by this board, (together with the charges on the person or persons benefitted by opening Streets, And that the Street Commissioner with the Attorney of the Board use all lawful means without delay to recover the monies that have been advanced by this Board to contractors for regulating and paving Streets from such delinquents as could not be found by the different Collectors

Resolved that in future all monies to be collected for assessments on Streets and otherwise shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer by the several Collectors employed who shall give surety to the

Chamberlain for the faithful performance of the duties of Collector in a similar manner enjoined on the Collectors of taxes. And that the Street Commissioner transmit a true copy of all assessments now in his care, or such as shall in future come under his direction to the Treasurer together with the Collectors names and that the Street Commissioner be directed to render a statement of his Accounts respecting all monies received and paid by him to the Comptroller who shall present the same to this board.

[483] Ordered that the Treasurer of the Board of Health exhibit his accounts and vouchers to the Comptroller and that a final adjustment be made in that department in order to ascertain the extra expenditures of the past season of fever.

A petition of Thomas Duggan was referred to the Canal Committee

A representation of William Mariner that he has a claim, against the Estate of Ann Meeks in the hands of the City Treasurer was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

On receiving the report of the Road Committee, Ordered that the sum of Fifty dollars each be allowed to the Overseers of the public roads as an extra compensation for the use of their saddle horses during the last season.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Mr Burling respecting the purchase of the house lately bought by the Corporation from the said Burling, and which is intended to be taken down on account of its standing in the Street. Reported, that in their opinion it would be improper to make any private sale of the aforesaid house but recommend that it be sold at public auction to the highest bidder some time in the month of April next on the premises.

Abraham King
New York March 3. 1806 Jacob Shute
Thurston Wood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Resolved that an annual rent of $20 be imposed upon each of the Lots at Inklesburgh as the same are laid down *as the same are laid down* in the map lately made of the same and that the leases of the said lots be sold by the Auctioneer of the board at public auction for the term of thirty years, And that it be referred to the Committee of Finance to frame proper conditions to be inserted in such leases and to cause the property to be advertised accordingly

The Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of [484] Peter Schermerhorn praying a compensation for damages sustained

by filling in the Collect reported against the prayer of the said petition, Ordered that such report be confirmed.

The Comptroller reported, that, agreeable to the order of the Common Council, the store at Peck Slip, and the house at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets were disposed of at public auction on the first day of March instant, the store at Peck Slip was leased by Mott the present Tenant at $362.50 per annum, for the term of Five years, and the house above described, leased to the present tenant for the same term at $250 per annum, The purchasers are to keep the property in repair during the term, and pay all taxes and assessments,

All which is respectfully Submitted.

Bj[n] Romaine

March 3. 1806. Comptroller

Ordered that the said report be Confirmed.

An application of Henry Hulsart for payment of monies due on the assessment of Norfolk Street was referred to the Committee of Finance

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances to compel M[r] Lynch, the representatives of Edward Livingston and others to fill in their ground adjoining the Collect, Ordered that the same pass.

On receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that precepts issue for opening Orchard North, Arundel and Stanton Street.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of the delinquents in the assessment for paving Chatham [485] Street, Ordered that a Warrant issue.

Resolved that the Office of Superintendant of Scavengers, cease from this time, and that M[r] Remmey be requested to settle his accounts without delay with the Comptroller And that the Comptroller furnish him with a copy of this Resolution.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2137 to 2242 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Mayor do issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Iss[d] Warr[ts]

No[s] 52.	Philip J Arcularius for Support of Alms house.....	$3000.
53.	Jacob Mott for use of Mud Machine.....	200.
54.	Samuel Cowdrey balance of Account as Attorney of the board	689.87

Nos 55.	David King use of room for Grand Jurors.....	$115.
56.	Robert Sickles lighting and cleaning City Lamps.....	358.50
57.	Conrad Jordan repairs to Lamps.....	20.25
58.	Samuel B Waldron repairs to public roads.....	119. 9
59.	Brower and Galatian for upholstery.....	70.12
60.	Kay and Horner, for repairing wells.....	352.25
61.	James Hardie for Services.....	62.50
62.	John Hardy for Services.....	30.
63.	New York Dispensary for Subscription.....	25.
64.	Cornelius Warner for Dock stone.....	217.50
65.	Cornelius Warner for public repairs.....	104$^{33}/_{100}$
66.	David Dunham for property taken by Assessment.....	2450.
67.	Beekman M Van Beuren for use of Saddle horse.....	50.
68.	Samuel B. Waldron do	50.
69.	William Hardenbrook census in Second ward.....	38.
70.	William Tredwell do	38.
71.	Bourdett and Peterson do in sixth ward.....	116.
72.	Lansing and Keteltas do in first ward.....	113.

[486] In Common Council, March 10. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire, Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott		Andrew Morris
Abraham King		Jacob Shute
Thurston Wood		Simon Van Antwerp
Elias Nexsen	Esquires	Gilbert Coutant
Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Aldermen	John D Miller — Assistants.
James Drake		Samuel Torbert
Caleb Pell		Samuel M Hopkins
Jacob De la Montagnie		Adrian Hegeman
		Joseph Board

An application from the Attorney of the Board stating that a Bond belonging to the Corporation from Daniel N Train is in the hands of Anthony Dey Esquire, and that he refuses to deliver it without a written order from the clerk Ordered that the Clerk be authorized to give such written Order accordingly

Several claims for the apprehension of Banks upon a charge of murder agreeably to the proclamation directed by this board were referred to Alderman Dela Montagnie, Mr Hopkins and Mr Hegeman

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board draw the necessary contracts, and that the Attorney and Comptroller take sufficient security of the persons who have contracted to cleanse the public Streets.

[487] Peter Parsells, Cartman. Greenwich. Jasper Mabie, Peter Trophagen Isaac Heron, Martin Van Orden. Garret Tinkey, and John Rees of Greenwich were appointed Firemen to Company No 29

Isaac Badgeley, Bricklayer N° 42 Barley Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 23 instead of James Craft, William Tilton Carpenter N° 21 Vandewater Street, Isaac Hatch Hatter N° 413 Water Street, Charles Miller, Leather dresser N° 14 oak Street, James W Hawxhurst. Hatter N° 413 Pearl Street. Robert Morris Grocer of Church Street, James Campbell Turner of N° 80 chamber Street. John Burns Bookbinder N° 29 Warren Street John Hunn, Leather dresser N° 14 Oak Street, John Faupell Hair dresser N° 206 Greenwich Street, James L Orr. Umbrella Maker N° 225 Broadway were appointed Firemen to Company N° 25 instead of David Taylor, David Colon, John L Cock Barray Collis, Henry Sickles, James Rice, Jordan Coles, John T. Henderson, Samuel Leggett and Francis Brown, Jacob Smith Turner and Engine maker, Daniel Slocum Taylor. Cornelius C Van Alen auctioneer. Hugh Wishart Silver Smith, Robert Thompson, merchant, Peter Aymar Grocer, William King, grocer, Duncan Phyfe cabinet maker Daniel B Brasher Cabinet maker and Alexander Wishart Silver Smith were appointed Firemen to Company N° 16. Robert Hardy Coach maker of N° 14 Barley Street was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 24 instead of Isaac H Bogert removed to Albany.

The following Ordinance passed the Board to wit.

A Law to regulate the measure of Coals.

Be it Ordained, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened. That for the purpose of preserving uniformity in the measure of Coals. the measures to be used by the measurers under the Controul of this board for the measuring of coals shall be in future of the same size and capacity with those used by the custom house officers under the controul of the government of the United States in the port of New York and that the measurers acting under this Board shall give and make such measure as is used by the said Officers.

[488] A petition of Herman Vosburgh for the renewal of a lease was received. A motion was made that it lie on the table, Alderman Drake called for the division, the same was carried as follows.

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Mott	Mr	Van Antwerp	Alderman	King
	Wood		Torbert		Drake
	Nexsen		Hopkins.		Pell
	Van Zandt		Hegeman		De la Montagnie
Mr	Morris		Board.	Mr	Miller
	Shute				

A petition of Abraham Brevoort for the renewal of his lease was referred to Alderman Van Zandt Drake and Mr Nexsen

A Communication of Cornelius Ray and Anthony L Bleecker respecting the estate of George B Ewarts was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

The inspectors of the election for a Collector of the second ward in the stead of Jeremiah Marshall resigned reported to the Board that Gulliam Cornell having the greatest number of votes is duly elected.

A memorial of James Sowarby and others respecting the assessment of Division Street, was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Seventh ward

[489] The Committee of finance reported upon the petition of Henry Hulsart that it is proper to pay to him the sum of $79.86 being money assessed to the heirs of John Lamb for regulating Norfolk Street, and that proceedings be taken to recover back the same without delay. Ordered that the same be confirmed

A return from Captain Beekmans Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee.

Divie Bethune, Hector Scott, Samuel L Page, Peter H Wendover, Jonathan Pinckney, and Samuel Osburn, were appointed Firewardens of the eighth ward

An application of F. Vaillant for the advance of $100 upon a Suit of Colours was granted under the direction of the Committee on that subject.

The Mayor
Alderman Van Zandt
Mott
} Were appointed a Committee to entertain the Osage Indians.

Permission was granted to J. H. Schmidt to erect a vault at No 68 Maiden lane

A resolution respecting a water grant to Divie Bethune, was referred to Mr Hopkins. Hegeman and Torbert.

Resolved that the sum of $20,000 and no more be appropriated by this board towards the expences of building the New City hall, for a year, to be computed from the tenth day of March 1806 and that the said sum include all debts and contracts incurred by reason of the said building, And that Warrants for such sum be issued in such manner as shall be directed by the board.

Ordered that the sales of public property at Inklenberg be postponed until a fortnight from tomorrow.

Mr Hopkins moved that the Bill for appointing a permanent Board of Commissioners for regulating the Streets in certain parts of the City be approved and sent to the Legislature with a petition that the same [490] be passed,

On motion of Alderman Mott, resolved that the consideration thereof be postponed until the next meeting of the Legislature

Mr Hopkins called the division on Alderman Motts, motion, the same was carried in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative	
Alderman Mott	Mr Morris
King	Shute
Wood	Van Antwerp
Nexsen	Coutant
Van Zandt	Miller
Drake	Torbert
De la Montagnie	Hegeman
	Board
Negative	
Alderman Pell	Mr Hopkins

A report of the Street Commissioner, respecting Division Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Seventh ward.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner agreeably to a resolution of the Board of the third instant has the honor to inclose his account with the Corporation for monies received by him on assessments.

[491] Upon the back of the account he has drawn a statement of Contractors orders, which he has accepted, and for which he is responsible, and submits to the Board whether it would not be advisable, to permit him to pay off those acceptances out of the balance he owes the Corporation

All which is respectfully Submitted.

John S Hunn
Street Commissioner

March 10. 1806.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Street Commissioner settle all the old contracts.

A report of the Street Commissioner respecting proposals of Van Solingen and Duryee was referred to the Alderman and assistant of eighth ward and Comptroller

On receiving the report of the Comptroller, Ordered that a Water grant be made to John McKie upon the same terms as were granted to Corning and Skidmore

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for regulating Grand Street from Broadway to Rynders Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector

Mr Board and Alderman Van Zandt } Were appointed to value the improvements of the widow Keefe on the Battery.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2243 to 2324 inclusive Ordered that the same pass

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	$217.56
William Van Wart do	217.56
Magnus Beekman do	197.96
William Peterson Do	197.96
Hugh Goble do	148.96
Gad Dumbolton do	148.96
[492] Jacob Mott Esquire, for Mud Machine	300.
Dikeman and Varian, work to pumps	169. 6
Robert Davis for earth in Whitehall dock	50.
Edward Meeks, iron work to lamps	136.75
Samuel Montgomery and David Jaffren attending as Constables at the election of second ward	2.
George Schmelzel—Senior—for Well in Budd Street	14.50
Oliver Jaques for the intersection of Chatham Street	124.10
Jonas Humbert balance as Inspector of bread	89.49
Elisha Wise Clerk of Election second ward	2.
Henry Watkeys for Candles	9.
Morrell Ireland and McComb for valuing two houses on Barley Street	5.
Jonathan Lyon for filling in at the foot of Roosevelt Street	80.
Charles Eagleson for carting dirt to Corporation dock	4.75
Proprietors of Daily Advertiser for advertising	6.
Campbell and Ryer taking Jury list in 5 ward	96.
Henry Hulsart money assessed to the heirs of John Lamb in Norfolk Street	79.86
Samuel Wood, lost fire bucket	2.

[493] In Common Council March 12th 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott Caleb Pell Wynant Van Zandt Junior Thurston Wood Jacob De la Montagnie Abraham King James Drake Elias Nexsen	Esquires Aldermen	Joseph Board Simon Van Antwerp Gilbert Coutant Adrian Hegeman Jacob Shute Samuel M Hopkins John D Miller — Assistants

Ordered that Alderman Van Zandt, Failie, Nexsen, Mott and King be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Merchants relative to petitioning for fortifying the port and Harbour of this City.

Alderman Fairlie, Mott, Van Zandt } Were appointed a Committee to determine whether it would be proper to furnish a Military [494] with any powder for their parade on Saturday Next, and to direct it to be furnished them should they deem it proper.

A memorial to Congress, and also a Memorial to the Legislature, to fortify the harbour of this City were severally read and agreed to.

Resolutions passed

Resolved that it be recommended to the Citizens of this City to meet in their respective Wards for the purpose of considering the defenceless situation of this City and harbour and of presenting such representations as they may *may* think proper in relation to the same to Congress and the Legislature of this State

Resolved further that it be recommended to the Citizens to meet for these purposes on Friday the 14th instant at Seven OClock in the evening and that the Meetings be held as follows

In the First Ward at the City Hall

In the Second Ward at Union Hotel

Third Ward at Elias Hatfield—Tavern

Fourth Ward at Piersons formerly Crooks Tavern

Fifth Ward at Mooneys Tavern

Sixth—at Trowbridges Tavern

Seventh—at Daniel Tiers Tavern

Eighth—at the Washington Inn

Ninth—at Marreners Tavern Harlaem

The following report was received from the Committee of Finances

[495] The Committee of Finance with great solicitude have seriously reflected on the present arrangement respecting the disposition of the public property

This subject embraces three leading and important considerations. The first is—The improvement of the City and suburbs in such parts of it, where the public property is situate. The second is. To secure to the public a reasonable compensation from the Tenants, and the third is, to reconcile the inhabitants on the public Estate. as far as may be consistant with justice, and the public expectation from this Board as trustees of the general interest.

It was supposed that the arrangements, and disposition of the public property the last Year, embraced the above stated important objects. The Common Council however have supposed that, an improvement on the plan of the last Year would be made, by disposing of the public property at auction.

It is therefore only necessary to state, what we have done already, in the prosecution of the plan, for the disposal of the public Estate. We have instituted a valuation, and appointed the time when this property shall be disposed of at public auction, and what remains to be determined is, the terms on which the Leases shall be granted

With respect to the property in Town—The Committee after the most mature reflection recommend that, the conditions and terms of the Leases be as follows—Viz

The Leasees or their Successors or assigns, shall, [496] before the expiration of twenty one years, erect good & substantial Brick buildings, covered with Slate or tile, of at least two Stories high, besides the Garret, from the Ground sills thereof to the plates. That if buildings as aforesaid shall be erected, the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty. shall again Lease to the person or persons who may hold the original Lease (at the end of the term) the said premises for a subsequent term of twenty one Years, on such terms and conditions as shall at that day be agreed upon between the parties or as shall be determined by two sworn appraisors, one of whom to be chosen by each of the parties, and in case of non-agreement they to choose a third—Unless the Corporation at that day shall choose to dispose of the public property at Auction. in such case—a fair valuation shall be made of the Buildings and improvements by sworn appraisors are to be chosen by the Corporation and the other by the Leasee in manner aforesaid. And if it shall so happen that buildings as above mentioned shall not have been erected, at or before the expiration of the term of twenty one years—that, in such case the owner or owners shall remove the same within ten days. It is also recommended that when any of the present buildings shall be taken down, or otherwise removed that. no buildings shall be erected other than mentioned above.

That in all cases when Leases expire which shall be given in pursuance of the above plan, it is expressly understood that—it shall be optional with [497] the Corporation, either to take the buildings and improvements at a fair valuation as aforesaid or to grant a further term in the manner and form above stated. That the usual clauses and provisors be also stipulated in the said leases, that the Tenant or tenants shall pay all assessments impositions &c which may be levied and raised on the said property during the term.

Your Committee believe that the above recommended plan, fully embraces the three above stated important objects and considerations. That while it gives encouragement and security to persons who shall purchase leases on the public property—at the same time holds the controll of the public Estate under the direction of the Corporation at the expiration of any term.

All which is respectfully submitted

Abraham King
Ja Drake
J D Miller
Jacob Mott.

12 March 1806

The question being taken upon adopting the said report was carried in the Affirmative as follows to Wit

	Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Mott	Mr Board	Alderman	Van Zandt
	Pell	Van Antwerp	Mr	Hegeman
	Wood	Contant		Shute
	Dela Montagnie	Miller		Hopkins
	King			
	Drake			
[498]	Nexsen			

The following Resolution being proposed to Wit, Resolved that the lots belonging to the Corporation about to be disposed of at Enklebergh and on the Bloomingdale Road as laid down in the Map be sold in perpetuity subject to an annual rent of twenty bushels of good Merchantable Winter Wheat on each Lot—the question being taken thereon and a division called it passed in the affirmative as follows to wit,

	Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Mott	Mr Board	Alderman	King
	Pell	Van Antwerp		Drake
	Wood	Contant		Nexsen
	De la Montagnie	Hegeman		
		Hopkins		
		Miller		

[499] Ordered that the Conditions of sale be twenty five per Cent on the day of sale and the residue in six and twelve months secured by Mortgage.

Ordered that John Titus have leave to assign his lease of the ground in the Commons to Andrew Ogden.

Petitions of Herman Nosburgh and others and Patrick McKay and others were referred to Alderman Drake, Wood and Pell

A Representation of the Society for the relief of O[r]phans was referred to Alderman Nexsen. De la Montagnie and Mr Van Antwerp

Abraham Praal was appointed a Firewarden of the second Ward instead of Nathaniel Hitchcock deceased

[500] In Common Council March 13. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott Elias Nexsen Thurston Wood James Drake Jacob De la Montagnie Caleb Pell	Esquires Alderman	Samuel Torbert Adrian Hegeman Gilbert Coutant Jacob Shute Joseph Board John D Miller Samuel M Hopkins

Assistants

The following resolution being moved. to wit

Resolved as the sense of this Board, that the Recorder having attended only two meeting[s] of the Common Council since the seventeenth day of June *1806* [1805] has greatly neglected his duties as a member of the same.

Alderman Nexson moved to strike out the Words has greatly neglected his duties as member of the same

Mr Hopkins called a division thereon, the same passed in the negative as follows to wit

Affirmative

Alderman Nexsen	Mr Miller	Mr Hopkins

[501] Negative

Alderman Mott	Mr Torbet
Wood	Hegeman
Drake	Coutant
De la Montagnie	Shute
Pell	Board

The question was then taken on the resolution and the division called for by Mr Hopkins. the same passed in the affirmative as follows. to wit.

	Affirmative	
Alderman	Mott	Mr Torbert
	Wood	Hegeman
	Drake	Contant
	De la Montagnie	Shute
	Pell	Board
		Miller
	Negative	
Alderman	Nexsen	Mr Hopkins

[502] In Common Council—March 17. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott		Jacob Shute
Thurston Wood		Adrian Hegeman
James Drake		Joseph Board
Elias Nexsen	Esquires	Samuel Torbert
Jacob De la Montagnie	Aldermen	Gilbert Coutant
Caleb Pell		Simon Van Antwerp
Abraham King		Samuel Hopkins
		John D Miller

Assistants

Resolved that in future when a fireman is elected it shall be the duty of the Fireman to call on the Treasurer of the fire department and obtain the Certificate within one month from the date of his election

Resolved further that any fireman resigning his firemanship, being expelled from the Company or leaving it under any pretence whatever shall if re elected take up a new Certificate and that the Chief Engineer be directed to Certify on [503] each Certificate whether a vacancy exists in the Company to which each Fireman shall be elected

And further, that the name or number of the Company to which each Fireman shall be appointed, shall be inserted in the certificate to be given to such Fireman.

James Meeks. Carpenter of Hudson Street was Appointed a Fireman to Company No 14 instead of Abraham Brower resigned Harman King Baker No 100 Bowery Lane was appointed a Fireman of Company No 15 instead of John Perren resigned

On receiving the report of the Building Committee together with an estimate of Mr McComb. Ordered that the Board consent to appropriate the sum of Twenty two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars towards defraying the expences of the New City hall during the ensuing Year.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac

Worden praying a Compensation for the removal of his house on the line of Brannon Street Reported that it would be proper to allow him the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars for that purpose. Ordered that the said report be confirmed and that a Warrant Issue in favor of Mr Worden for such sum.

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee. Ordered that the suspension of Amos Squires be Confirmed.

A Report was received from Captain Beekmans Company Ordered that so much of the same as respects the Watch be referred to the Watch [504] Committee and so much thereof as respects the Lamps to the Lamp Committee

Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to purchase the Ground of Van Solingen and Duryee at the prices mentioned by the Committee on that subject And that an Ordinance be drawn to Assess the same upon the individuals who are benefitted And that Samuel Stilwell, George J Warner, David Marsh, Peter H Wendover and William I Waldron be appointed assessors.*

On receiving the report of the Committee on that subject, Ordered that the Building in the Alms house Yard which was erected for the use of the Carpenters engaged at the New City Hall. may be used by the Military Companies for a Drill room during the pleasure of the Board.

William Day resigned his appointment of measurer of Lime. Ordered that the same be accepted And that the Committee on Applications for Office report a proper person to fill the vacancy by the next meeting

A Representation of the Superintendant of the Alms house of monies paid to his predecessor and for which no Credit appears on the Books of the Alms house was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A Petition of Thomas Storm and others relative to the regulation of Leonard Street [505] was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward and Street Commissioner.

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that John Ackerman, David Medlar and James Day be appointed Watchman in Captain Lawrence's Company instead of John Robinson. William Morgan and Adam Pulis suspended.

The Petition of Bryan Connelly Claiming a right to a lease in Augustus Street was referred to the Comptroller who reported against the same, Ordered that the said report be Confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *to make Amity Street.*—ED.

A Petition of Robert Sands and others against being included in the assessment for opening Varick Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

A motion being made to appoint a standing Committee for the leasing at private sale all such property of the Corporation as has improvements thereon, a division being called on the said Motion the same was carried in the affirmative as follows to wit.

Affirmative

Alderman	Wood	Mr	Board
	Drake		Contant
	Dela Montagnie		Van Antwerp
	Pell		Miller

[506] Negative

Alderman	Mott	Mr	Shute
	Nexsen		Hegeman
	King		Torbert
			Hopkins

The Committee of Finance was appointed the said Committee.

A Petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a release of tax of ground belonging to them was received and the prayer thereof granted.

Robert Lenox Esquire was permitted to have the use of one of the large Engines with its apparatus for the purpose of removing water from a Vessel.

An application of Mr Moses Rogers with respect to Building in State Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Report from the Attorney of the Board respecting the opening of Canal Street and the Jury fees thereon was referred to the Committee of finance.

An application of Benjamin Romaine for a Water grant was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward.

Elijah Ferris was permitted to erect a Vault in Beekman Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

[507] A memorial respecting the Road at Harlaem was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Seventh Eighth and Ninth Wards for a Wharf at the East River was referred to the Comptroller,

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to purchase the Government house and grounds thereunto appertaining in fee simple absolute provided that the same can be procured without any Condition in relation to its tenure,

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for filling in Sunken lots in Barley Street. Ordered that the same pass.

Ordered that this Board will pay the valuation made of the improvements upon their property on the Bloomingdale Road and Enkleburgh.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating Delancey Street Ordered that the same be Confirmed and Thomas Timpson. William Hunter. Whitehead Hicks Abraham Van Gelder Junior and John Youle be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances to regulate Mott, Orange and Elm Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed and Lewis Ford. Amos Corning. John Rem[sen] Samuel Stilwell and Benjamin Thurston be appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a [508] Return of the delinquencies in the assessment for Division Street. Ordered that a Warrant issue

Resolved that the Bloomingdale road from its junction with the Albany Post road to Stuben Street be of the Width of 80 feet and that the same be made as straight as the circumstances will admit by taking in and leaving out parts of the present Road to be adjusted by the several proprietors according as their several interest therein may appear

Resolved further that this Corporation will relinquish all their Claim to and immediately open so much of their property as may upon a survey of the said Road be found necessary for the said purpose and that the Street Commissioner cause the same to be Surveyed and laid out in Conformity thereto without delay.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances numbered 2325 to 2384 Ordered that the same do pass

Resolved that the Committee of Finances report at the next meeting of the Board the best mode of leasing out the lots of ground where the mud machines are building on the West side of West Street, at Rhinelanders Battery.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issued Warrts

Nos	96	John H Sickles, Treasurer of Building Committee.....	$2000.
	97	Peter Clarke for making Cartridges.....	30.98
	98	T Wortman half a quarters Salary as Clerk.....	75.
	99	George Weeks for Carting Oil.....	21.
[509]	100	Robert Wallace for Assessments in Beaver Street.....	191.27
	101	Joseph F. Mangin for Surveying.....	100.
	102	Adolphus Loss for Surveying.....	75.50
	103	Isaac Worden for removing his house in Brannon Street	250.

[510] In Common Council. March 24. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor

Jacob Mott James Drake Thurston Wood Jacob Dela Montagnie Wynant Van Zandt Junior Elias Nexsen	Esquires Aldermen	John D Miller Jacob Shute Joseph Board Simon Van Antwerp Samuel Torbert Andrew Morris Samuel M Hopkins Gilbert Coutant Adrian Hegeman.

Assistants.

Deeds were received from Henry Van Solingen and Elizabeth Duryee, for four Lots of ground in Broad Way. four lots in Mercer Street. and four lots in Green Streets, for the purposes of regulating the upper part of Broad Way. Ordered that the same be accepted And that the Clerk be authorized to execute bonds thereof to M^r^ Van Solingen for the sum of $10,400, and to the Widow Duryee for $3930. payable in Six months and to affix the City seal to the said Bonds accordingly

Ordered that the Ferry Committee be [511] authorized to have a sufficient Ferry Stairs bui[l]t at the Corporation dock.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to regulate and pave Leonard Street from Church to Chaple Street.

The Street Commissioner inclosed Assessments for regulating Barley and Cross Streets Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector.

Ordered that a Water Grant be issued to Benjamin Romaine in pursuance of the respect report of the Committee on that subject.

The City Treasurer reported that the sum of $35 $^{5}/_{100}$ was carried to the Credit of the City and County of New York as the balance of the Estate of Ann Meeks Ordered that he be authorized to liquidate and settle the account of Edward Mariner against the said Estate upon his receiving sufficient and proper security.

Ordered that the Commissioner of repairs under the direction of the Comptroller be directed to have a sufficient Number of Staffs made for the Constables, and Marshals of this City.

Returns from Captain Petersons. Beekmans and Dumboltons Watch Companies were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of John Money penney for permission that a Cistern may remain in the Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[512] A Petition of John Bachelor and others respecting the ex-

pences of opening Varick Street was referred to the Committee of Finances.

A Petition of Robert Watts and others to regulate Hester Street from Mulberry Street to Broad Way was referred to the Street Commissioner

Ordered that Mr Schieffelin have leave to withdraw his proposals to relinquish a piece of land for the purpose of opening a Road from the Haerlem Cove to the Kingsbridge Road

A Petition of Henry Kermit respecting a Lamp was referred to the Lamp Committee

Ordered that the Superintendent of the Alms house be authorized to procure a sufficient number of Buckets for the use of the said house

Isaac Wilsey Cartman of the Corner of Hester and third Street in the Seventh Ward was appointed a fireman to Company No 26 in the stead of Caleb Pell.

A Petition of Bryan Connelly for the renewal of a lease was referred to the Committee of Finance

A Petition of Jonathan Lawrence respecting Arundel Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Alderman Van Zandt
Nexsen
Mr Hegeman
} were appointed a Committee to examine the Comptrollers account on the Collect.

The said Committee reported that they have examined [513] the account and find that a Balance of $39. $\frac{}{100}$ is due the Comptroller —Ordered that the same be confirmed

A Communication Was received from Waters Furman relative to Monies due on the Assessment of Grand Street—Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Finance.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to procure one of each such ancient maps of this City or island as are to be found and to Cause the same to be framed and Glazed for the use of the Board.

The Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2385 to 2428 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts			
Nos 104	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....		$217.56
105	William Van Wart	do	217.56
106	Magnus Beekman	do	197.96

Nos	107	William Peterson for City Watch.....	$197.96
	108	Hugh Gobel do	148.96
	109	Gad Dumbolton do	147.20
	110	Cornelius Warner for public repairs.....	89.68
	111	James Cheetham for printing.....	280.00
	112	Saltus Son and Co for Cordage.....	8.29
	113	G and D Buck for powder.....	127.50
	114	Proprietors of Morning chronicle for advertising.....	3.16
	116	E McLaughlin for lost fire Bucket.....	8.
	117	John H Slidell do	2.

[514] In Common Council March 31. 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Jacob Shute
Jacob De la Montagnie		Gilbert Coutant
Caleb Pell		Andrew Morris
Abraham King	Esquires	Joseph Board
Jacob Mott	Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp — Assistants
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman
Elias Nexsen		Samuel M Hopkins
		John D Miller

The following report was received from the Lamp Committee

The Lamp Committee to whom as referred the Petition of Mr Henry Kermit respecting a Lamp in Greenwich Street in dispute between the petitioner and Mr James Arden

Report

That the Committee after Viewing the premises recommend that the superintendent of Lamps [515] be directed to Light the two Lamps as erected one by Mr Henry Kermit and the other by Mr James Arden that the expence of one Lamp be paid by the Corporation the other by Mr Kermit and Mr James Arden Jointly forever—But if the said parties should not agree to bear the expence as recommended. Then the Committee are of opinion that the Lamp Post be erected where it formerly stood all which they respectfully submit

Caleb Pell
Samuel Torbert
Andw Morris

Ordered that the same be confirmed

A Petition of John Charters and others for paving Leonard Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Dr Gardner Jones that the name of Jones Street may be continued to the Street formerly ceded by him to the Board was referred to Alderman Van Zandt, Drake and King.

The Petition of Jacob Blank for relief on account of having horse drowned in the Collect was referred to the Committee on the Collect

A Petition of John Murray to be directed by the board in laying out new Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Committee to whom was referred the application for erecting a Soup house for the use of the poor reported in favor of the same. A motion [516] having been made to Confirm the said report Alderman Mott moved the division thereon the same was carried as follows to wit

	Affirmative		
Alderman	Van Zandt	Mr	Board
	De la Montagnie		Van Antwerp
	King		Hegeman
	Nexsen		Hopkins
Mr	Coutant		Miller
	Morris		
	Negative		
Alderman	Pell	Mr	Shute
	Mott		Torbert
	Wood		
	Drake		

A Communication of Maturin Livingston Esquire Stating that he had been taxed for two much ground in Stanton Street and praying relief was ordered to lie on the table.

The Street Commissioner presented a deed from John Stilwell for the property taken to extend Varick Street and Stated that Five hundred Dollars is due by Mortgage to John Bachelor which Mr Stilwell is desirous should [517] be immediately discharged Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board to report what arrangements ought to be made.

The Street Commissioner reported drafts of Ordinances to regulate Leonard Street from Church to Chapel Street and Delancey Street from Suffolk Street to the East River. Ordered that the same pass.

On receiving the report of the Committee on application for Officers Ordered that William Bussing be appointed Inspector of Lime

An Ordinance passed the board for building a bulk head across the Fly Market and filling in the same with good and wholesome Earth under the direction of the Street Commissioner so as to extend about

fifteen feet to the Southward of the North side of South Street And that the drain be continued to the same distance. John Ellis John Griffith, Abraham Prall, John Clendening and Harry Peters were appointed assessors

Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Slips and piers be authorized to have the above ordinance immediately carried into effect.

Ordered that 75 Dollars be loaned to Jacob Blank to enable him to purchase a New horse payable in a year without interest and that his note be taken for the same.

A Petition of Hannah Dunlevy respecting a lease was referred to the Comptroller

[518] Ordered that the Comptroller lease the Bulls and Wehawk ferries to Lewis Concklin for the residue of the term which was granted to Garret Neafie and on the same terms

Ordered that the situation of the ferry of Barnet Deklyn be referred to the ferry Committee

The Committee of Finance reported the prices proper to be affixed to the property to be leased by the Corporation Ordered that the same be confirmed except as to the Lot of Abraham Brevoort. the Lots in Augustus Street and such Lots as are necessary to continue Chamber Street.

Alderman Van Zandt
King
Shute
} were appointed a Committee to report the disposition proper to be made of the vacant lands of this Board.

A Petition of Garret H Van Wagenen and others for a Water Grant was referred to the Comptroller.

The following report was received from the Comptroller.

The Comptroller believes it to be his duty to State to the Common Council in order that a record may be made in the minutes. That the sale of the Corporation Lands at Incklenbergh on the twenty fifth instant at public Auction—comprising fifty nine half acre Lots (or nearly that quantity) amounts to Sixty one thousand nine [519] hundred and ninety Dollars. That conformable to the order of the Board, a perpetual and anual revenue is reserved on each Lot. of twenty bushels of good merchantable Wheat. The additional revenue from this source anually. is one thousand one hundred and eighty bushels of Wheat or the value thereof, in good and lawful money of the United States of America

The twenty five per Cent. stipulated to be paid in advance on the Amount of the sale of each lot has been received for 20 Lots being Six thousand One hundred and ninety nine dollars. It is probable

that in the course of the week the whole of this advance money will be received and subject to the control of the Common Council

All which is respectfully submitted

31st March 1806 Bjn Romaine

Compr

Ordered that the same be confirmed and entered on the Minutes

Resolved that the Committee of Finance be Authorized to let a part of the house and the Grounds at Bellevue in such manner as they may deem most advantageous to the public

Resolved that the Militia Companies be prohibited from parading in the Park and on the Battery until the further order of the Board

[520] In Common Council April 1st 1806

Present James Fairlie Esquire Deputy Mayor
Maturin Livingston Esquire Recorder

James Drake	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Shute	Assistants
Caleb Pell		Joseph Board	
Thurston Wood		Adrian Hegeman	
Jacob Mott		Simon Van Antwerp	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris	
Elias Nexsen		Gilbert Coutant	

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board report with respect to the Cherry Street Assessment by the next meeting

The following report was received from the Attorney of the Board

The undersigned has the honor to state that in Compliance with the request of the Common Council, he has seen Mr Stilwell who agrees that One thousand dollars of the Amount awarded to him for his house & Lot in Varick Street shall remain until the other proprietors are paid. And as to the remaining Nine hundred dollars his Circumstances are such that he would be greatly [521] obliged for a Warrant for it

All which is respectfully submitted

1 April 1806 S Cowdry

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant for the said $900. be issued to the Attorney of the Board.

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board draft an Ordinance to regulate the Collection of fines under the Law for farming out manure

Ordered that the petition of Hannah Dunlevy be referred to the Committee of Finance

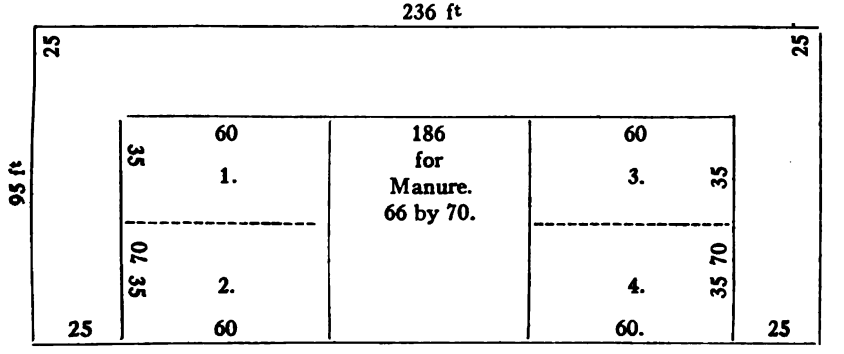
On receiving the report of the Committee of finance—Ordered that the several sums. of

On Lot N° 269	owners unknown	$36.14½
379		38.45.
650		34.58.
		109.17½
244	of Nicholas Bayard	144.57½

being Assessments in Grand Street be paid to Waters Furman the Collector and that the Attorney of the Board and Street Commissioner be instructed to take the necessary to receive the same.*

A Petition of Jasper Ward to fix the line of Magazine Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward and the Street Commissioner.

The following plan was received respecting the deposit of Manure [522]



Agreeable to the above plan of the Corporation property at Rhinelanders where the fort lately was situate—The finance Committee recommend to the Common Council, that the Comptroller be directed to lease the said Lots being four in number. to the best advantage for one year only—reserving 66 feet by 70 feet for the accommodation of Manure

Abraham King
Chairman

31st March. 1806.

Ordered that the same be Confirmed

Ordered that a Water Grant be issued to Rachel Deforeest Widow of Gerardus Deforeest for a Water lot next above the late Rhinelanders fort in trust for the benefit of her Children.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Society for the relief of O[r]phans praying a grant of land for their use and

* Marginal note reads *Lien on Lots in Grand Street* $109.17½ 144.15½.—ED.

other Assistance reported that it would not be proper or adviseable at present to appropriate any of the public lands or funds to the use of any Society. Ordered that the consideration of the same be pos[t]-poned

Ordered that the Application of Robert Lilburn and the papers accompanying the same be [523] referred to the Counsel of the Board to report whether he has any legal claim.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal [of] nuisances numbered from 2429 to 2473 inclusive Ordered that the same pass.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Dikeman and Varian for pumps	$109.50
Christian Nestell balance as Inspector of bread	67.11
Abijah Wells. Carting dirt	10.50
Robert Sickles lighting and cleaning City lamps	358.14
John Hardy for Services	30.
Simon Van Antwerp for Ironmongery	105.11
James Hardie for Services	62.50
John B Brooks for Glass	5.37
Lewis Ford for Carpenters Work	143.53
John Smith repairing Street	65.62
John S Hunn for Money paid into the Treasurer by Thomas Timson on the Cherry Street assessment	480.60
Kay and Horner for repairing wells	159.87
Jacob Mott Esquire for Mud Machine	300.
Samuel Cowdry to pay Mr Stilwell	900.
Waters Furman for Assessments on Vacant ground in Grand Street	109.17
Waters Furman for assessment on Bayards ground on Grand Street	144.57
John S Hunn to pay P and E Dobs	2000.
Mr Blank as a loan to purchase a horse	75.

[524] In Common Council. April 7 1806

Present James Fairlie. Esquire Deputy Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Abraham King James Drake Wynant Van Zandt Junior Caleb Pell Jacob Mott Jacob De la Montagnie Elias Nexsen	Esquires Aldermen	John D Miller Samuel M Hopkins Samuel Torbert Jacob Shute Gilbert Coutant Adrian Hegeman Joseph Board Andrew Morris
		Assistants

His Excellency the Governor by and with the advise and consent of the Council of Appointment having been pleased to Appoint Pierre

C Van Wyck Recorder of this City. Mr Van Wyck appeared and took his seat at the Common Council

A Petition of John Bachelor and others for the payment of the assessment monies for the ground taken to regulate Varick Street was Ordered to lie on the table.

[525] A Petition of Michael Prince and others to regulate Hudson Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to build a bulkhead across The fly Market Slip and fill in the same, Ordered that the said Ordinance pass.

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances for regulating Hester Street from Broad Way to Mulberry Street and Spring Street from Broad Way to the Bowery. Ordered that the same do pass.

A Petition of John Colter to be appointed Inspector of Wood was referred to the Committee on applications for officers

Barney Waldron House Carpenter of No 44 Barley Street and Peter S. Titus of the Corner of Chatham and Pearl Streets were appointed Fireman to Company No 23 instead of Isaac Brown deceased, and Cornelius Decker expelled.

A Petition of Ann Mott stating that a Mistake has been made in the Assessment of her property in the Bowery for the last City tax, Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller to rectify such mistake.

A Petition of Henry Rutgers and others to regulate Cherry Street and for a Slip at the end of the same. A Petition of Daniel Hubbart and others for a Slip at the end of Scammel Street A Petition of Adam Brown and others for additional Wharves and roads near Corlears Hook. A Petition [526] for regulating Gouverneurs Street. A Petition for Slip at the end of Walnut Street, and a Petition of Isaac Clason and others for a Slip at the end of Grand Street were severally referred to the Street Commissioner and the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed to examine and report the best manner of disposing of the vacant property of the Board

The Committee appointed for the purpose of recommending to the Board the mode in which the residue of the Common Lands should be disposed of beg leave to report—That the most Valuable property which belongs to the Corporation is what is Commonly called the Dove

Lots this piece of Land is well situated & will no doubt meet with ready and advantageous sales either on a lease or in fee the Committee had it in contemplation to recommend to the Board to reserve as much of this Land as would probably be required for public purposes it being however suggested that the Board have piece of Land nearer the City & quit[e] as elligably situated for public purposes as the Dove Lots the lease of which will expire in about five Years will render it un[ne]cessary and improper to deprive the Board of embracing the present favorable apportunity of disposing on Lease or otherwise of the whole of the Dove Lots the Committee however recommend that a small piece say one acre *he* [be] reserved for Building [527] a Church by any Congregation who will cause one to be erected in one Year. with regard to the Dove Lots the Committee offer the foll[g] resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner without delay cause the Dove Lots to be Surveyed and laid out in Lots of one Acre each and that each Acre be Leased at public Auction for the term of thirty Years the Corporation to fix on Moderate Annual Wheat rent the Leases to be given in the usual form for Cash on the delivery of the same

The Board also possess a piece of Land opposite the place of Edward Dunscomb supposed to Contain about Ten Acres this Land is ruff, lays low & is not well situated for building spot. There is also a piece of Land near the place of John Shaw similarly circumstanced with the land opposite Edward Dunscomb as their two pieces of land are only fit for Pasture Lots & *well* [will] require—considerable expence to Clear the Committee offer the following resolution

Resolved that the two last mentioned Lots of Land be Surveyed immediately & laid out in Lots of five Acres each as near as may be & that the same be leased at public Auction for thirty Years to the highest bidder the Ground rent payable Annually

All which is submitted by

Wynant Van Zandt Jr.
Abraham King
Jacob Shute

[528] A Motion was made to lease the Dove Lots for the term of thirty years pursuant to the said report And Alderman Drake called a division thereupon. the Votes were as follows to wit

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman King	The Recorder
Drake	Alderman Pell
Van Zandt	Mott
Mr Hopkins	Dela Montagnie
Shute	Nexsen
Coutant	Mr Miller
Hegeman	Torbert
Board	Morris

The Deputy Mayor gave his casting Vote in the negative.

The residue of the said report was confirmed

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to report to this Board whether any and what proportion of the Dove lots ought to be sold in perpetuity and what part of the same ought to be reserved.

The Committee appointed to report with respect to the disposition of the vacant property of the Board were appointed the said Committee [529] directed by the preceding resolution.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed to draft an Ordinance to Assess the property taken to open Varick Street and that Joseph Watkins. William Dustan. Amos Corning Samuel L Page Junior and Robert Buchan be appointed Assessors

Whereas it is considered Ornamental to this City as well as conducive to the health of its inhabitants to plant trees on each side of the several Streets And it has been suggested to this Board that a Number of the inhabitants of Bowery Lane are desirous of Lining their Walks with suitable trees. if the rest of their neighbours would Unite with them in this laudable expence

Therefore Resolved that it be particularly recommended to the inhabitants of the Bowery Lane, and all others residing on Streets not less than 40 feet in Width to plant trees in front of their respective houses and lots, not more than twelve feet apart and in such manner as the alderman and Assistant of the Ward or the Street Commissioner shall direct:

A Petition of Alexander Fink and others to pave Grand Street from the Bowery Lane to Second Street was received and the prayer thereof granted Ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed [530] to draft an Ordinance for such purpose

An Ordinance to provide for lighting the City Lamps by Contract was received and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for proposals for leasing the public Slips and Wharves the same to be received on or before the eighteenth instant

A Report of the Committee on the application of Jasper Ward relative to the property to be taken to continue Cross Street was referred to the Attorney of the Board to ascertain and report the facts

The following persons were Appointed Inspectors of the ensuing election for the respective Wards to wit

1 Ward: William Hillyer, Moses Rogers, Nicholas Evertson

2 Ward: John Targee, Henry Masterton, Isaac Burr

3 Ward: John Mills, Abraham E Brower, John Bogert

4 Ward: Jasper Ward, Jacob Cholwell, Garret B Abeel

5 Ward: Rogers Strong, David Davidson, John I Westervelt

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6 Ward: Stephen Bourdett, Stephen Ludlam, Thomas White

7 Ward: Ephraim Brasher, Abraham Dally, John Townsend

8 Ward: Henry Brevoort, David Marsh, Joseph Watkins

9 Ward: William Molenaer, Benjamin Vredenburgh, Jacob Harsen

On receiving the reports of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspensions of Ira Munson and George Taylor Watchmen of Captain Beekmans Company be taken off and that they be reinstated as Watchmen—that the suspension of William Jewel a Watchman of Captain Petersons Company be confirmed—that the suspension of Daniel Smith a Watchman of Captain Beekmans Company be taken off and that he be reinstated as a watchman that the suspension of Samuel Woodluff a watchman of Captain Beekmans Company be taken off and he be reinstated. that the suspension of William Sitcher a Watchman of Captain Beekmans Company be Confirmed—That the suspension of Samuel Dunn. Frederick Storms and James Skaats Watchman of Captain Dumboltons Company be Confirmed. And that the suspension of John [532] Quackenbos a Watchman of Captain Gobels Company be confirmed

A Petition of William Ellsworth for the remission of a tax was referred to the Comptroller

The Petition of Jacob Fulmer for permission to sell meat was referred to the Market Committee

On receiving the report of the Superintendant of public repairs Ordered that a new fire Engine house be erected on the ground of the new Dutch Church in Liberty Street.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and

removal of nuisances numbered from 2474 to 2483 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

A Petition of David Crone for leave to sell goods by Auction at the new Slip was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the fourth Ward.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to examine the Common Sewer in Roosevelt Street and report what alterations would be for the better and also to examine Roosevelt Street and report what alterations may be made for the general good.

Ordered that a Court of Special Sessions of the Peace with a Grand Jury be directed to be held on the twenty second day of April instant

[533] Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay. [Rest of page blank]

[534] In Common Council. April 14 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Jacob Shute
Jacob Mott		Simon Van Antwerpt
Caleb Pell		Joseph Board
Jacob Dela Montagnie		Samuel M Hopkins
James Drake	Esquires Aldermen	Adrian Hegeman — Assistants
Thurston Wood		Gilbert Coutant
James Fairlie		John D Miller
Abraham King		Samuel Torbert
Elias Nexsen		Andrew Morris

A Lease from the Surveyor General of the State to William Ovutt for the ground at old Potters field was referred to the Committee of finance

Henry Heiser was appointed an Inspector of the ensuing election for the fifth ward instead of James Davidson resigned and Anthony Steenback for the Sixth Ward instead of Thomas White resigned

[535] A Petition of John Swain for permission to sell meat was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Elnathan Underhill for the stand N° 64 Fly market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of David Marsh and others with respect to the laying out of North Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward

A Petition of James W Lent and others for piers between the Battery and Coenties Slips was referred to the Committee on Docks and Slips

Resolved that the Street Commissioner advertise proposals for completing a pier at the Battery

A Petition of John Jacob Astor for a Water Grant at Greenwich was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Thomas Ivers and others for the regulation of Fir Street was referred to the Street Commissioner and to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward

An application of James Arden respecting a Lamp was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of John Townsend and others against making Water Grants between Youles furnace, and Corlaers hook was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of James Skaats Complaining of the Conduct of Captain Dumbolton was [536] referred to the Watch Committee

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to pave Grand Street from the Bowery to Second Street Ordered that the same do pass and that John Youle, Whitehead Hicks, William Hunter Abraham Van Gelder Junior and Thomas Timpson be appointed Assessors

The Committee to whom was referred the application for a Soup house reported in favor of the same Ordered that a Sum not exceeding $600 be appropriated for that purpose, and that the building so erected shall remain the property of the Board and be occupied during its pleasure.

A Communication of the Street Commissioner relative to assistants in his office was referred to Alderman Mott, Mr Fairlie and Mr Morris

The Street Commissioner presented a report to the Board Complaining of the Conduct of Edward Ferris for interrupting him in the discharge of his duties—Ordered that he be directed to enter a Complaint before the police

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to Assess for the expences to be incurred in opening Varick Street Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance to regulate Rivington Street—Ordered that the same do pass and John Youle, Whitehead Hicks, William Hunter, Abraham Van Gelder Junr [537] and Thomas Timpson be appointed assessors

Resolved that the line of partition as settled by the Commissioners in 1774 between the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of New York and Haerlem be run and marked under the direction of the Committee consisting of three members of this board and the Street Com-

missioner so far as to ascertain the said resolution was referred to Alderman Fairlie, Mr Coutant and Mr Shute

A Petition of Thomas Timpson and others to regulate Lombard Street was referred to the Street Commissioner and to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that William Drontwine have the stand in Greenwich Market lately occupied by Mr Smith

Proposals for hiring the Horns hook ferry were referred to the ferry Committee and the Comptroller

A Petition of Richard Hazard to be reinstated in employment as a Carver at the New City Hall was referred to the Building Committee

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2484 to 2487 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

The following report was received from the Attorney of the Board (respecting Cross Street)

The Attorney of the Board to whom [538] was referred the statement of Mr Jasper Ward respecting his ground in Cross Street with directions to enquire into the situation of proceedings heretofore instituted for the purpose of opening the said Street

has the honor to Report

That upon Inquiry he finds that proceedings were some time since instituted by his predecessor for the purpose of opening the said Street, but were set aside on the ground of all the Owners not being included & some of them being Minors

New proceedings must therefore take place, which however need not interfere with any agreement with Mr Ward, as the Corporation have a right to take ground either by the Valuation of a Jury or by Conveyance from the party S: Cowdry

April 14. 1806.

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner (respecting Division Street)

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board that it is necessary for them to determine the sum they are willing to pay towards the repairing Division Street. in order that an Ordinance may pass for the residue—It is unpleasant to the Street Commissioner to call up this affair so often, as it is unjust the Corporation

should pay the whole of the expence of repairing that Street, but the Contractor ought to have balance due him & it only remains for the Board to [539] deside upon the sum to be assessed.

Two thirds of the expence of the Carriage way was recommended to be Charged to the Corporation but even if they consent to pay the whole of the Carriage Way—There must be an assessment upon the people for the Curb & Walks—which they are satisfied with & will pay if it is so ordered by the board—The Street Commissioner hopes this will be decided to day, that he may present the ordinance on monday next.

All which is respectfully Submitted

Street Commrs Office John S Hunn

3d March 1806

Ordered that the same be confirmed

Ordered that Peter Dustan be permitted to erect a Vault in front of his house No 104 Pearl Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Law for farming out the City Lamps was passed Ordered that the City Inspector be directed to publish said Law and to receive proposals accordingly

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasury to pay.

Jacob Mott Esquire for mud machine	$300.
James Colgan for the apprehension of Banks	200.
Jones and Cholwell for census in fourth ward	104.
Andrew Leary for works to pumps and wells	24.91
Andrew Leary for Carpenters work at Bridewell	42.21
David Pearson for Carpenters work to pumps and wells	55.62
[540] David Pearson for Carpenters Work at City hall	64.25
John Moneypenney for Cartage to pumps and wells	158.75
Peter Burtsell for Stationary at Inspectors office	43.25
Jacob Dela Montagnie Esquire for a quarter Salary	250.
Theophilus Beekman do	250.
Bernard Oblenes do	250.
Benjamin Romaine a quarter Salary as Comptroller	250.
John Edwards for Carpenters work at Goal	11.11
Henry Brevoort for Glazing at the Goal	69 10
Anthony Steenback for Mason work at Goal	3.29
J. Sidney for tubs to Goal	25.

In Common Council April 21 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

James Drake
Wynant Van Zandt Junior
Jacob Mott
Abraham King
Jacob Dela Montagnie
Elias Nexsen
James Fairlie
Thurston Wood
Caleb Pell
} Esquires Aldermen

Samuel Torbert
Joseph Board
[541] Andrew Morris
Simon Van Antwerp
Gilbert Coutant
Adrian Hegeman
Samuel M Hopkins
John D Miller
} Assistants

A Petition of the Measurers for an increase of Salary fees was referred to Alderman King Nexsen and Mr Hegeman

An application for Lamps at the Brooklyn ferry was referred to the ferry Committee

A Petition of Blaze Ten Broeck for a Stand in Greenwich Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Society for the relief of O[r]phans was referred to Alderman Dela Montagnie, Fairlie and Van Zandt.

An Account of the Manhattan Company for water furnished to the City was received. Ordered that the same be referred to arbitration, that John Macomb be appointed arbitrator in behalf of the board, and that the arbitrators be authorized to appoint an umpire.

A Petition of William Chivvis and others to suspend the regulation of Mulberry Street North of Bayard Street was referred to the alderman and assistant of the Eight Ward.

A Petition of Gilbert Gillian Cornell Collector of taxes of the second ward and William Berrian [542] Collector of the fifth ward for an extension of the time of collecting the taxes was referred to the Attorney of the Board

A Petition of James Milligan and others against an alteration of Hammond Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of the heirs of N Gouverneur to be released from the assessment for Cherry Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and the Street Commissioner

An Application of John Hills stating that he is in possession of a military plan to prevent this City from attack was referred to Mr Hopkins Miller and Board

Resolved that the name of Bullock Street in the Seventh Ward

of the City of New York be and the same is hereby changed to Broome Street after our Lieutenant Governor

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that Benjamin Kip and Frederick Bolton be appointed Watchman and Henry Budd, Daniel Townsend, Alexander Mackee and John Lownsberry substitutes of Captain Petersons Company.

Proposals for leasing the wharves and Slips for two Years from the first day of May next were received and opened. the offer of William Johnson for the sum of $17000 per annum being the highest was accepted. Ordered that the Comptroller be directed to take proper security

[543] A Petition of William Shop for a Butcher stand was referred to the Market Committee.

A Communication of Mr Arden respecting a Lamp was referred to Alderman Mott, Mr Van Antwerp and Alderman Wood.

The City Treasurer recommended to the Board that John W Yates Esquire Cashier of the State Bank at Albany be appointed agent of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to receive the Monies which become payable for the duty on Goods sold at auction Ordered that the recommendation of the City Treasurer be agreed to, and that the said John W Yates be accordingly appointed Agent of this board to receive the said monies in its behalf.

The Comptroller reported that there is a Sufficiency of Money in the Treasury to discharge $20,000 of the debt due to the Manhattan Company together with the interest on that Sum

Resolved that the Treasurer. be, and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of $20,000 together with the interest thereon to the Manhattan Company.

The following report was received from the Committee respecting the Haerlem line

The Committee appointed to run the Harlem line, have the honor to Report that they pursued the survey from a flat Rock mentioned in the Report of the former Commissioner & found a pepperige stump with shoots springing out of it, which from the discription given by the [544] Commissioner, the distance it bears from the Cross Road to Bloomingdale, the opinion & information of David Waldron who was with the Commissioner at the time they settled this line, and other circumstances the Committee are unanimously of opinion that it is the stump of the pepperige Tree particularly mentioned by the said Commissioner. That from this tree they run its Course formerly run by the Commissioner in 1774 & crossed a Stone shewn to them as one of

the line Stones put in the ground by the direction of the said Commissioner which they believe to be the true line of division. And they recommend that at least four square stones be set in this line and noted as the division line by writing the words New York on one side & the word Harlem on the other.

All which is respectfy submitted

April 21. 1806 Ja Fairlie Chairman

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The Committee appointed upon that subject reported an Ordinance to regulate Lombard Street from Walnut Street to the East river Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to regulate the Broad Street Walks Ordered that the same do pass.

Thomas Burtis was appointed a Fireman to Company N°15 instead of Joseph Lyons deceased

[545] A Petition of Thomas O Neale for the Office of Inspector of Wood or any other appointment was referred to the Committee on applications for Officers

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for paving Leonard Street, from Chapel to Hudson Street. Ordered that the same pass.

A Communication of Henry Hulsart was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Communication of Messieurs Stagg and Hulsart respecting the assessment on Mr Claskey for regulating Norfolk Street was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The Comptroller presented an account of expenditures for filling in the Collect. Ordered that the said account be referred to Alderman Van Zandt Drake and Mr Miller.

The said Committee reported that they have examined the above account and Compared it with the vouchers rendered and find that a balance is due the Comptroller of $233 $^{56}/_{100}$ for Monies expended beyond the sum advanced for the above purpose. Ordered that the said Report be confirmed.

William I Waldron and Andrew Otterson were appointed assistants to the Street Commissioner and Edward Moran assistant to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Whitehead Hicks and others to pave Bedlow Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

[546] The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction

and removal of nuisances numbered from 2488 to 2493 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

An Ordinance for the prevention of nuisances passed the Board

A part of the Corporation bason at the North River having been filled up by order of this Board for the purpose of having a market erected thereon agreeably to a resolution of the Common Council

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare a plan of a substantial and Commodious Market to be built on the said site and to report the same to the Common Council without delay.

The Recorder
Alderman Fairlie
and Mr Board
} were appointed the said Committee

Resolved that this board do order two ladders to be made and placed in or adjoining the Fly market and that they be of such dimensions as the Committee of the Fire department may Judge proper.

Mr Simon Schermerhorn was permitted to erect a lime house in Broad Way under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward

Resolved that Joseph Dela Croix be permitted to make the walk in front of his premises in the Bowery Road provided it is done agreeably [547] to the regulation of the said Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Philip J Arcularius for support of Alms house	$4000.
James Fairlie Esquire to pay Miss Vaillant towards a suit of colours	100.
Lathorp and Kelley on their contract for the road at Kissing Bridge	400.
Benjamin Romaine for filling in the collect	1000.
Bartholemew Skaats to purchase fuel	50.
John H Sickles Treasurer of the Building Committee	3000.
Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	217.56
William Van Wart do	217.56
Magnus Beekman do	197.96
William Peterson do	197.96
Hugh Gobel do	148.96
Gad Dumbolton do	148.96
John Hardie for services	22.50
Jacob Smith for a New Engine	615.
Augustus Lawrence, allowance for a pump	13.50
Henry Crum for services	55.75
John S Hunn a quarters salary	375.
Ephraim Brasher for bad bills received and for printing	49.22
Abraham Stagg for an advance to William Butler to pay the assessment in Division Street	100.50

[548] In Common Council. April 26. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott		John D Miller
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Gilbert Coutant
Jacob Dela Montagnie		Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake	Esquires Aldermen	Joseph Board — Assistants
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert
Abraham King		Samuel M Hopkins
James Fairlie		Adrian Hegeman
Caleb Pell		
Elias Nexsen		

The Mayor laid before the Common Council—

The Mayor laid before the Common Council two affidavits, respecting the atrocious conduct of the British, in murdering John Pierce one of our fellow Citizens, while on board the Sloop Richard one of our Coasting Vessels, near Sandy Hook. and [549] also in violating the jurisdictional Rights of the United States.

Therefore Resolved that in testimony of the lively indignation which this board feels respecting the atrocious murder of a Citizen of the United States and this daring aggression upon our national rights that the said John Pierce be interred with the assent of his relations at the public expence on Monday next at 12 OClock, that Aldermen Fairlie, Mott & Mr Miller be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements on this occasion that this Board will attend the funeral in a body that all the Captains of American Vessels in the harbor be requested to hoist their colors half mast on that day that the bells be tolled during the solemnity and that our fellow Citizens generally be invited to unite with us on this melancholy occasion

The Mayor having informed the Common Council that he had immediately communicated to the President of the United States, a statement of the improper conduct of the British Ships of War off our port.

Resolved that the Board approve of the Mayor's prompt attention to the interest's of our City and that he be requested to obtain such further information as may be practicable respecting illegal Captures, impressments and detentions off our port by the said Ship and to transmit the same to the national executive in full confidence that proper measures will be adopted for the vindication of our national honour and interest.

[550] Mr Hopkins moved the following amendment

That a Committee be appointed to consult with the friends of the deceased and to concur with them in such arrangements as may be proper in order that the solemnity of the funeral of the deceased may

be conducted in most public and impressive manner and that this Board will attend the same

Alderman Dela Montagnie called a division upon the said amendment, the same was negative as follows to wit.

Affirmative

Alderman Van Zandt — Mr Hopkins — Mr Morris

Negative

The Recorder

Alderman Mott, Dela Montagnie, Drake, Wood, King, Fairlie, Pell, Nexsen

Mr Miller, Coutant, Van Antwerp, Board, Torbert, Hegeman

[551] In Common Council, April 28 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob De la Montagnie Elias Nexsen Wynant Van Zandt Junior Jacob Mott James Fairlie Abraham King Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Gilbert Coutant Jacob Shute John D Miller Joseph Board Adrian Hegeman Samuel M Hopkins

Assistants

A memorial was read to the President of the United States, praying that a naval force to consist of three or more frigates may be immediately sent to the protection of our port and harbour the same was agreed unanimously

[552] *Census of the Inhabitants of the City of New York.

The City Inspector has the honour to

Report

That, in conformity with the order of the Common Council, an Enumeration has been taken of the Jurors in the City and County of New York, agreeably to an "Act of the Legislature for regulating "trials of issues, and for returning able and sufficient Jurors," passed 31st March 1801 This Enumeration also comprehends the number of inhabitants who retired from the city during the prevalence of the Malignant Fever in 1805 together with the Total Population.

Which is respectfully submitted

John Pintard.

City Inspector's Office
February 24th. 1806.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 477.*—Ed.

[553] CENSUS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. &cᵃ

Wards.	White Inhabitants.		People of Colour & Negroes		Slaves		Total	Persons who retired from the city during the Malignant Fever in 1805	Aliens		Remarks
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females			Males	Females	
First.....	3.422	3.748	37	37	186	249	7.679	6.112	108	97	According to the Census taken by order of Congress in 1801 the population of this City amounted to
Second.....	3.414	3.663	72	101	118	182	7.550	5.961	214	193	
Third.....	3.283	3.597	106	119	104	162	7.371	4.152	111	103	
Fourth.....	4.346	4.520	70	87	68	143	9.234	4.320	255	259	Free White Males.... 26.727
											dº Females.. 27.394
Fifth.....	5.320	5.993	358	438	85	146	12.340	3.452	556	527	Other Free persons... 3.499
											Slaves..... 2.869
Sixth.....	4.101	4.266	183	253	59	99	8.961	224	950	847	Total..... 60.489
Seventh....	8.053	7.498	..	..	38	79	15.668	2.775	157	134	Increase of Population in 5 years at the rate of 25 pʳ Cᵗ..... 15.281
Eighth.....	2.420	2.134	38	61	49	70	4.772	....	127	116	
Ninth.....	1.025	959	..	..	111	100	2.195	....	248	161	75.770
Totals....	35.384	36.378	864	1.096	818	1.230	75.770	26.996	2.726	2.437	

J. P.

[554] List of Jurors. 1806

1st Ward	522
2d "	822
3d "	362
4th "	372
5th "	337
6th "	159
7th "	140
8th "	175
9th "	148
Total	3,037

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

MAY 5, 1806 TO JUNE 8, 1807

[1] In Common Council. May 5. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	John D Miller	Assistants
Jacob De La Montagnie		Gilbert Coutant	
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp	
Jacob Mott		Andrew Morris	
Caleb Pell		Jacob Shute	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
Elias Nexsen		Samuel M Hopkins	
James Fairlie		Samuel Torbert	
Thurston Wood		Joseph Board.	

A Petition of John Le Maire to build a lime house in Barley Street was granted

A Petition of Peter B Van Beuren respecting Bulls ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Thomas Dunning for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee

[2] A Petition of Edmund Kirby and others respecting Houstoun Street was referred to the Street Commissioner and Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward

An application of Richard Smith respecting the Horns Hook ferry was referred to the Comptroller

An application of William Gardner was referred to the Comptroller

A communication of the City Treasurer respecting the taxes was referred to the Attorney of the Board with direction to report at the next meeting

A Petition of John Fellows for liberty to sell furniture in Cherry Street. together with the application of David Crone was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4 and 7 wards

A Petition of Joseph R. Leggett and others to postpone the regulation of Spring Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Cornelius Van Voorhis that this Board will pay a tax of two dollars on a vacant lot was received and granted.

On receiving the petition of Thomas Stagg and others. Ordered that the pier next to Peck Slip be made of the breadth of forty feet.

A Petition of William Holmes for [3] the Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

A Petition of Andrew Blank respecting his a house standing in Brannon Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Several certificates and papers respecting the mud machine were received and referred to Alderman Mott, Wood, and Drake.

An application of the Commissioner of loans to use the room now occupied for his Office until the 1 October next was rejected.

A return from Captain Beekmans Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Christopher Prince and others for an increase of Salary as Measurers of Coal was referred to the Committee appointed on the petition of the Measurers of Grain.

A memorial of the Society, for establishing a free School in the City of New York was referred to the Recorder, Alderman Van Zandt and Mr Morris

Ordered that permission be given to sell goods before the door of Joseph Burjeau No 74 Vesey Street

The Committee to whom was referred the application of James Arden respecting a Lamp in Greenwich Street reported as follows to Wit

The Committee to whom was referred [the application] of Mr James Arden Report

That [4] they have examined the sittuation and find the Lamp Erected by Mr Arden is within a few feet where the one stood previous to his Commencing his Buildings and at a proper distance to correspond with those in the Vicinity—Your Committee have examined several others similarly sittuated which are adopted and Light at the Public expence—Your Committee are of Opinion the Lamp Erected by Mr Arden ought to [be] accepted upon the terms contained in his letter and light at the publick expence—and the one lately Erected on the Edge of the Walk at the public Expence removed to some other place as it would be superfluous to Light them both

Which is respectfully Submitted

Thurston Wood
Jacob Mott
Simon Van Antwerp

New York 5 May 1806

A division being called on the said report the same was negatived as follows, to Wit,

Affirmative	[5] Negative
The Recorder	Aldermen Van Zandt
Alderman King	Dela Montagnie
Mott	Drake
Pell	Nexsen
Wood	Fairlie
Mr Miller	Mr Morris
Contant	Shute
Van Antwerp	Hegeman
Board	Hopkins
	Torbert

The Lamp Committee reported that they have received proposals for lighting the City Lamps and that the proposal of Jacob Cholwell at the Rate of $11 per lamp is the lowest. Ordered that the same be accepted and that the Comptroller take security for the performance of the Contract.

Nicholas Romaine Blacksmith Bowery Lane was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 30 instead of Smith Place resigned.

A Petition of William Shatzel respecting the laying out a Street adjoining the land of Samuel Burling at the Upper end of Broad Way was referred to the Committee on that subject.

An application of John Devore was referred to Alderman King. Pell and Drake

A Petition of the Fireman N° 8 was referred to the Chief Engineer.

[6] Several accounts were received from Captain John Haff for the provisions which were intercepted from being sent to the British ships which lately infested our harbour, and which provisions were principally sent to the Alms house Ordered that the sum of $783.54 being the amount of the said accounts be paid to Captain Haff and that a Warrant issue for the same.

The following report was received from the Building Committee respecting the Contract of Johnson and Stevens for Marble

The Building Committee Report That they have had an interview with Mr Stevens one of the Contractors for furnishing Marble for the New City Hall, and received from him the annexed Statement, which they submit to the Common Council. It appears to the Com-

mittee that there is good reasons to doubt of the ability of Johnson & Stevens to fulfill their Contract

which is for	32000 feet
The Quantity received is	17,379. 3
Remaining to be delivered	14,620. 9
The Money Advanced	21,992.50
Amot in Marble received	18,422.
Sum now owing by the Contractors	3570.50
Of which sum there is secured by Mortgage on the Quarry	2000.
	15,70.50

For which notes are held with Indorsers as security

[7] The Committee recommend to the Board that the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars be advanced to Messrs Johnson & Stevens upon sufficient security they undertaking to deliver Marble to the Amount by the first day of September next, as also a Quantity sufficient to satisfy the Corporation for the sum of 1570.52 now in arrears by the said Contractors there will then nothing remain due the Corporation but the sum of Two thousand dollars secured by Mortgage on the Quarry

All which is submitted.

Ja Fairlie Chrman

25 May 1806

Ordered that the same be Confirmed and security taken accordingly

To the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York

We the subscribers humbly shew that on the third day of November One thousand Eight hundred and three we entered into a Contract with the Corporation aforesaid to deliver in New York such a Quantity of Marble as might be necessary to Build the principal front and both ends of the New City Hall in said City at the price of one dollar and six Cents per foot every Cubic foot, and that we have exhausted our own resourses in attempting to fulfill the Contract and find ourselves unable to progress further in the business unless we can have aid from the Corporation aforesaid. that not [8] more than two thirds of the Marble stipulated for in the Contract has been yet delivered we therefor *pary* [pray] that the Corporation will consider our Case and

make us a further grant of Money over and above the sum stipulated in the Contract Aforesaid to enable us on our part to fulfil the same—without the aid prayed for were we obliged to full the Contract inevitable ruin to ourselves and Bondsmen must follow we entered into the Contract Aforesaid without sufficient knowledge of the great expence we must naturally incur in fulfilling the same we however by close applycation have exerted ourselves to deliver the Marble stipulated for with a full reliance on the Justice of the Corporation believing that the Corporation would never be brought to consider that ruining a few individuals to augment the great wealth of the Corporation is consistent with Common Justice and that they would eventually make us a Compensation which would at least Amount to day Wages from the time really spent in our attempts to fullfill over and above all necesary expences. we are fully determined to exert ourselves to the utmost to deliver the remaining part of the Marble required but unless we can receive some aid from the Corporation all our exertions and endeavours will end in our own ruin—we therefore humbly pray that the Corporation will let the Six thousand dollars last advanced to us by with the securety on which it was advanced [9] until the Contract is finished and advance payment to us for Marble as fast as delivered and that if we shall fulfill the Contract to the acceptance of the Corporation then and in that Case the Six thousand dollars be given to us gratis over and above the price stipulated in the Contract.

New York 28th april 1806 Johnson & Stevens

The following is a statement of expences in attempting to fulfill the Contract made *made* with the Corporation of the City of New York

Transporting from the Quarry to New York		$14470.00
Labourers Wages employed in the Quarry		3468.00
Boarding Labourers		1989.00
Expence of Tools and keeping them in repair		341.00
Wages of Johnson & Stevens two Years and half		7200.00
		27468.00
Cash received on Contract		15991.00
Do Do advanced		6000.
		21991.00
The Contract engages for about	32,000 feet	
Received on account	17,620. 3	
	14,620. 9	

Cash paid & advanced	$21,992.52
17,379¼ feet Marble a 106 Cents	18,422.
	3,570.52

Ordered that the lease made by the Surveyor General of the State to Simon Ovutt be confirmed, and that the Comptroller be directed to receive the rent due upon the premises.

[10] Upon receiving the opinion of the Counsel of the Board upon the Claim of Robert Lilburn, Ordered that the Land formerly agreed to be sold to Mr Lilburn be conveyed to him agreeably to the terms of the Resolution of 14 January 1799. and that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be directed to have the division line between the property of the board and that of Mr Buchanan settled.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 2494 to 2500 inclusive Ordered that the same pass.

The City Inspector reported that great Quantities of filth are collected about the Engine house near the New Albany bason and that it would be proper to remove the same to a more eligible situation. Ordered that the same be removed to the Centre of the vacant place between the North and South sides of the Slip

A Law providing for the regulation of Partition fences and party Walls for supporting Ground in the City passed the board

Upon receiving the report of the Committee on that subject Ordered that permission be given to John Fellows to sell furniture at Auction in Cherry Street, and to David Crone near Catherine Slip.

[11] The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for repaving Division Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing be Appointed Collector

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner relative to the assessment in Grand Street

The Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board, that the heirs of Edward Laight have been Assessed for Regulating Grand Street Three hundred & fifty one dollars & 68 cents which they say they are unable to pay unless the Corporation pay them part of the money due on the Assessment of Cherry Street The Street Commissioner has in his hands more of the Cherry Street Money than would be sufficient for the discharge of this debt. and he requests the permission of the Board to pay it to Mr Laight for the purposes aforesaid and he is the more an[x]ious to do this. as Mr Reeveau who has con-

tracted for regulating Grand Street cannot receive money from a number of the people who have been largely assessed for that work

All which is respectfully Submitted

May 5. 1806 John S Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed

[12] On receiving the report of the Street Commissioner resolved that an entire new road to be called Hudson Avenue be laid out and Opened from Bank Street at Greenwich of the width of Eighty feet on a course of about North 23 degrees East and in a straight line until it strikes the division fence between the property of Mr John Wilkes and Louis Simond that it then turn on a Course about North 34 East and be Continued until it intersects the Cross Road commonly called Harsens Road and that it be continued in the last mentioned direction until it comes into the old Bloomingdale road. And further that the cross Road Aforesaid be opened to the North River and that the Street Commissioner take orders to carry this resolution into effect.

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for the repaving front Street between Wall Street and Gouverneurs Lane. Beaver Street between Greenwich and Washington Streets. and Water Street between Peck and James Slip Ordered that the same do pass.

A report of the Street Commissioner respecting Water grants between Burling and Beekman Slips was referred to the Committee on Docks piers and Slips.

Simon Schermerhorn was permitted to erect a vault in Broadway

[13] Resolved that the public block placed in the Presbyterian Church in East Rutgers Street be regulated at the public expence and that Isaac Loughborough be employed for that purpose at the same rate as is given to the person for regulating the other public blocks.

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board be directed to report the state of the Brooklyn Ferries.

Ordered that the City Inspectors be directed to report the situation of the Streets.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Jacob Mott Esqr for Mud Machine	.....	$500.
Michael Heavener for improvements at the Middle road	.....	135.
Andrew Morris Esqr advance for School Monies for St Peters Church to be repaid by the State agreeably to law	.....	
Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	.....	217.56
William Van Wart Do	.....	217.56
Magnus Beekman Do	.....	197.96

William Peterson for City Watch	$197.96
Hugh Gobel Do	148.96
Tunis Wortman half a quarters Salary as Clerk	75.
Henry Remmey on account as late superintendant of Scavengers	500.
Abraham Stagg on his Contract for Grand Street	400.
Robert for Whitehall Slip	68.
Hill and Hoyt regulating Cross Street	200.
James Smith for Barley Street	100.
C. C. Van Alen for interest on bond of C Clopper	62.50
[14] Frederick Eckert for Tables in Bear Market	1.41
Hutchins Crane and Co for manure	303.
Richard Harison, Salary as Counsel	250.
John Horn, Iron work at Bellevue	3.75
Thomas W Gilbert for Baize	1. 7
William Shatzel for rent of Court room	50.
John McGrah for Mould on the Battery	27.81
Edward Meeks for Iron Work to docks	395.82
George Stanton for assessing Cherry Street	60.00
Conrad Jordan for mending ladders	13.18
Robert Sickles for lighting and cleaning City Lamps	357.25
Proprietors of Daily Advertiser for subscription	37.50
Samuel Stilwell for Surveying	122.
Henry J Disbrow, attending to enforce sunday law	10.
John McKenzie attending Potters field	89.
James Hardy for Services	62.50
Hulsart and Stagg for Carting dirt	9.50
John McKay for painting	18. 7
James Patten for Iron Work to pumps	325.40
Carpenter and Tompkins on their Contract for Mud Machine	1000.
Peter Stevens for improvements at Enklebergh	160.
Henry Fietner do	180.
Frederick Pinehoven do	220.

[15] In Common Council May 12. 1806

Present/ De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt Junior Thurston Wood James Drake Abraham King Caleb Pell Jacob Mott Elias Nexsen James Fairlie	Esquires Aldermen	Joseph Board John D Miller Samuel Torbert Jacob Shute Gilbert Coutant Adrian Hegeman Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants.

An application of John Murray respecting laying out Streets through his land was referred to the Street Commissioner.

An application of the Commissioners of loans for Interest on the

debt due by the Estate of George B Ewart was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

Upon receiving the report of the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips. Resolved that Beekman Slip be filled up to the South line of the Street.

[16] The Petition of John Declew to be appointed Inspector of Bread was referred to the Committee on Applications for Offices.

Upon receiving the report of the Attorney of the Board Ordered that time be given to the Collectors of taxes of the second and fifth Wards to settle the amount of the same until the first day of July next. provided nevertheless that their respective sureties remain responsible

Permission was given to Joseph Constant, William G Miller, and David Boardman to Erect lime houses opposite to their lots in Broad Way.

The following ordinances in addition to the Law concerning Hay passed the Board.

Addition to the Law regulating the landing and sale of Hay

And be it further ordained. That the boats employed in bringing hay for sale to this City shall have the privilege in preference to all other Vessels. of the West side of Whitehall Slip from the head thereof to the Ferry Stairs, and of the West side of George Slip from the head of said Slip to the end of the pier And any Coasters Market boat or other vessel that shall interfere with boats so employed in bring-[ing] Hay, or prevent their approach to the West sides of the Slip as aforesaid shall forfeit the sum of 10 dollars for each offence to be recovered with Costs of suit

[17] A Petition of Joshua Concklin for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee

An application of George Lewis for the Monies of the Estate of Thomas Smith in the hands of the City Treasurer towards the payment of a debt due to him as administrator of his late Brother was referred to the Attorney and Counsel of the Board.

A communication of the City Treasurer was referred to the Committee of Finance.

An application to repair the pump at the Corner of Henry and Charlotte Street was referred to the overseers of pumps and Wells for the Seventh Ward.

The finance Committee to whom it was referred to report upon the best method to dispose of the Vacant lands adjoining the Harlem Commons Recommended that the Street Commissioner be directed to have the said lands surveyed and laid out immediately in five Acre lots

each or as near as may be and that the above lots be sold at Auction to the highest bidder for the term of thirty Years payable in Yearly payments and that the purchaser pay the rent in advance every year during the said term. Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The following report was received from the Committee on the application respecting the Measurers [18] of Grain and Coal

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions from the Measurers of Grain & Coal

Report that the fees for Measuring One hundred Bushels Grain is 75 Cents and for the same Quantity Coal only 50 Cents. The Petitioners prays for an encrease of fees and states that they are principally men with large familys and from the largeness of their Number, the fees are inadequate to support them. Your Committee therefore recommend that the fees for Measuring Coal be raised to 75 Cents the same as the fees on grain. The Committee are of opinion that the fees would be a reasonable compensation and would undoubtedly afford a decent living for 20 We therefore beg leave mearly to sigest whither it would not be better for the Common Council to reduce them to that Number, or for them to Cast lots amongst themselves provided they are all willing

New York May 12 1806 — Abraham King, E Nexsen

Ordered that so much as respects the increase of compensation be confirmed and that the consideration of the residue of the said report be postponed

John Bussing Collector of the Assessments for regulating Sixth and Suffolk Streets returned the following Lots to be vacant and that [19] the owners of the same could not be found to Wit

* Lot No	1281 in Sixth Street	$35.97
	1282 " Do	35.97
	1283 " Do	35.97
	1284 " Do	35.97
	1610 in Suffolk Street	27.
	1611 " Do	27.
	1612 " Do	27.
	1613 " Do	27.
		$251.88

Ordered that the said sum be paid to the Collector and remain a lien upon the respective lots assessed Agreeably to Law.

* Marginal note reads *Lien on these Lots.*—Ed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Devore praying an alteration to be made in the present districts for the inspection of Wood reported that the same can not conveniently be done. Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The following report in favor of a New Street in lieu of Firr Street was received to Wit

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Ivers, James Jones and others relative to a new Street between Scammel & Walnut Streets, have the honor to Report

That they have viewed the premises mentioned by the petitioners & maturely considered the subject referred to them, and are of opinion that [20] a Street to extend from opposite Sheriff Street to run to the East River parrellel to Scammel Street & between it & Walnut Street, would be usefull to the public and beneficial to the proprietors of the land, as it would divide the property into Blocks of about three hundred feet and run on the division line of the said proprietors

The Committee therefore recommend that a Street be laid out in that direction. in lieu of Firr Street. and that the Street Commissioner be directed to apply to the several proprietors for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted

May 12th 1806

Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert
John S Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The following report was received from the Committee relative to regulating Cherry Street

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Rutgers and others praying that Cherry Street be regulated to the East river divided by three distinct Ordinances have the honor to Report

That they have considered the subject & are of opinion that Cherry Street ought to be regulated without delay, but that it is in their [21] opinion premature to decide upon the propriety of dividing the regulation into several Ordinances until a profile is exhibited to them for further Consideration, which they have directed to be taken for that purpose,

The Committee will here suggest, that it will be of no use to remove the house of the heirs of Mr Laight, until the digging Cherry Street may require it to be taken down to Complete the regulation, and they recommend that it remain undisturbed until that time, on

Condition that the occupant opens a passage for Carts on either side if it should be required by the Contractors

May 12th 1806

Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert
John S Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The Committee appointed upon that subject reported the draft of an Ordinance to erect a Bulkhead in Water Street between Scammel and Montgomery Street Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to fill a sunken part of Laight Street between and Greenwich Streets. Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for Building a Bulkhead at the [22] foot of Murray Street. Ordered that the same pass

The following report was received respecting the regulation of Gouverneurs Street

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Ogilvie and others, praying a regulation of Gouverneur Street from Division Street to the East River, have the honor to Report.

That a considerable quantity of earth will be required to fill in the space between Water Street and the contemplated Bulkhead between the Shipyards of Mr Berg & Adam & Noah Brown, which will be Carted there at less expence from Gouverneur Street, than any other place.

That it would be adviseable therefore to regulate Gouverneur Street from the places aforesaid, and the Committee recommend that it be divided into two Ordinances. the first to begin at Division Street & to extend to Lombard Street & the other from the termination of the first to the South side of Water Street and they therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause a profile thereof to be made & to present Ordinances to the Board for that purpose

All which is respectfully submitted

May 12: 1806

Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert
John S Hunn

[23] Ordered that the same be confirmed

The following report was received from the Committee relative to Slips at Corlears Hook

The Committee to whom the petitions of sundry inhabitants at Corlears Hook were referred, relative to Slips at the terminations of Grand, Cherry & Walnut Streets have the honor to report, That it is impossible to Judge with precision. where reservations for Slips ought to be made in this neighbourhood until an actual Survey of the Shore & soundings is effected, so as to lay down on a Map the different Channel & middle grounds, to the main Channel of the East River. They therefore recommend that a Survey of the premises be immediately directed from Scammel Street at least as far as Broome (late Bullock) Street. to the end that the Corporation may be possessed of the necessary information on this subject, and they further recommend and no Grants be issued to proprietors of Ground adjacent to these shores until the said Survey is complete

All which is respectfully submitted

May 12. 1806

Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert
John S Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed

[24] Permission was given to William Tabele to Build a Lime house opposite to his lot N° 84 Chatham Street.

A Petition for a pump at the Corner of Grand and Orchard Streets was received and granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward

Resolved that the dock at the Ferry at Horns hook be improved and enlarged so as to render the same a convenient public landing and that Alderman King, Van Zandt and M^{r} Shute be a Committee to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolved that the sum of $500 be paid to Richard Smith in part of the boats at Horns hook ferry purchased of him. And that a Note for $500 being the residue be given to him payable in six Months from the first day of May instant

The following law in addition to the Law to prevent Nuisances passed the board

Addition to the Law to prevent Nuisances

10. And be it further ordained. That whenever any putrid or unsound beef, pork fish, hides or skins of any kind, or any other putrid or unsound substance, shall be found within the said City, it shall be the duty of the City Inspector, his assistant or any person appointed under him for that purpose to cause the same to be destroyed [25] by casting them into the stream of the Hudson or East

rivers, below low water mark, or to be disposed of in such other manner as in their discretion may most effectually secure the public health.

The following law in addition to the law for sweeping the Streets passed the board.

Addition to the law providing for sweeping the Streets

VIII And be it further ordained that a suitable person be appointed to superintend the Streets of said City, whose duty it shall be to examine that the owners, Occupants and persons having charge of houses and other buildings and lots of ground as Aforesaid do perform the several duties enjoined by this law in their several districts, and in case of neglect do cause the Offender or Offenders to be prosecuted. And it shall moreover be his duty to examine that the several contra[c]tors for collecting and selling Manure as aforesaid, do cause the heads of Slips and other public grounds in their respective districts to be swept and cause the filth, dirt and rubbish to be immediately removed: And in case of disputes between the contractors and any of the Citizens with respect to the removing any filth dirt or rubbish, the said superintendent shall, on view thereof, determine which of the parties shall remove the same. And it shall moreover be the duty of the said superintendent [26] to see that the Contractors aforesaid cause all the filth and Offals swept and collected for the purpose to be removed from the public markets in their respective wards immediately after market hours And do also cause the filth and Offals to be removed from said Markets every Sunday Morning before nine O'Clock until the first day of November, at the expence of the Corporation. And it shall moreover be the duty of the said superintendant to attend daily at the office of the City Inspector to receive all complaints that may be lodged there of infringements of this law, and to apply such remedy as the subject may require, and also to fulfil such instructions as he may receive from the City Inspector respecting the removal of nuisances from the Streets of said City. And it shall moreover be the duty of said superintendant to execute all orders of the Common Council or of the Board of health providing for the removal of Nuisances and cleansing the public sewers and Kennels in this City. And the compensation for the services of *of* the said superintendant shall be at the rate of two Dollars a day during the time he shall be employed by the Common Council

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances Numbered from 2501 to 2521 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

A Petition of John A Crolius for [27] the office of Inspector of Bread and of William P. Roome to be appointed Superintendant of City Scavengers were severally referred to Committee on applications for offices.

Alderman Mott, De la Montagnie, Mr Van Antwerp } Were appointed a Committee to examine the Comptrollers accounts for filling in the Collect.

The Comptroller reported that he has examined the situation of the Water lots requested to be granted to Garret Van Wagenen, Adam Brown, Noah Brown and Thomas Smith and finds that the said Water lots are above the line of the 400 feet extent into the River and consequiently the board commonly grant from high to low water mark and that there appears no impropriety in granting the petition upon the usual terms. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

The Comptroller reported that it would be proper to deduct ten dollars a Year from the lease of William Gardner at the corner of Thomas and William Street Ordered that the said Report be Confirmed

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay.

Cornelius Van Voorhis for a	2.
Benjamin Romaine to pay the funeral expences of John Pierce....	$441.83
Philip J Arcularius for supporting Alms house.....	4000.
Richard Smith on Account for boats and building pursuant to an order of this day.....	500.
[28] Benjamin Romaine for filling in Collect.....	1000.
John Burger for Coroners fees.....	101.50
Dikeman and Varian work to pumps.....	233.47
Charles Van Orden rent of watch house.....	25.00

[29] In Common Council May 19. 1806.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott		John D Miller
Wynant Van Zandt Junr		Simon Van Antwerp
Abraham King.		Adrian Hegeman
Thurston Wood	Esquires	Gilbert Coutant.
Caleb Pell	Aldermen	Samuel Torbert
Jacob De la Montagnie		Jacob Shute
James Drake		Joseph Board
Elias Nexsen		Samuel M Hopkins
James Fairlie		

} Assistants.

Permission was given to Thomas Burling to build a Vault at No 339 Pearl Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Upon receiving the reports of the market Committee a stand in Greenwich Market was Granted to John Blaze Ten Brook and the stand N° 9 oswego Market to Joshua Concklin.

[30] Petitions of John Hopper Junior and Abraham Brevoort to be appointed Inspectors of Bread were referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

A Petition from several of the Auctioneers to be allowed a Cryer was referred to Alderman Nexsen, M^r Miller and M^r Van Antwerp

James M^cEvers was appointed Inspector of wood in the district formerly assigned to M^r Johnson.

Hugh M^cCormick of N° 2 Jacob Street was appointed Fireman of Company N° 7 instead of John Minuse resigned Nehemiah Ludlam. Philip Ruckle and Walter Whitehead were appointed Firemen to Company N° 15 instead of James Bertine Jeremiah Woods and Jacob Peterson resigned and Abraham Duryee, David Hubbs John Gillmour and Benjamin Haight were appointed Firemen to Company N° 13 instead of John Heyer, Frederick Miller Samuel Burtis and John Cavenagh.

A Petition of Lewis Moore was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Philip J Arcularius to lay*ing* Building materials in Magazine Street was granted under the direction of the Aldermen and assistant of the ward.

The Chief Engineer to whom was [31] referred the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 8 reported that he has examined the Engine house of the said Company and that there is a sufficient Quantity of Ground to admit of its necessary enlargements. Ordered that the Commissioner of public repairs be directed to carry the said report into effect.

Upon receiving the report of the Committee on Docks piers and slips. Resolved that an ordinance pass for improving the Waters situate between the Whitehall and the Exchange Slip agreeably to the plan presented, and that this board will pay their proportion of such improvements agreeably to law

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause Notice to be given to the proprietors adjoining the Waters aforesaid and that this Notice be conformable to the late law.

A Petition of Thomas Blauvelt and others to pave Washington Street between Barclay and Robinson Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Resolved that the Street lately opened from Bowery Road to the

Broad Way by Samuel Jones shall be called Great Jones Street and the Street opened by Doctor Jones at Greenwich shall be called agreeably to its original name Jones Street.

Upon receiving the petition of Abraham [32] Cannon and others for that purpose. Resolved that permission be given to the proprietors at their own expence to erect a Market by the name of Grand Street Market, at the foot of Grand Street under the direction of the Alderman an assistant of the Ward and at such place as they may appoint upon condition that the same shall be the property of this Board and in all respects subject to its controul.

A Petition of John Sherman for a road near the house at Harlaem Creek was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant reported as follows to Wit.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant—Report

That the improvement of a Dock Contemplated by M^r^ Stuyvesant would be of infinate service and great accommodation to the inhabitants residing near the 2 Mile Stone,

Your Committee having examined the premises and find that it will not interfear with the fishery as the place is so very Rockey, and almost impossible to draw a Sein with safety; we therefore recommend that the Petitioner have a grant. for Two hundred and fifty feet in front of his ground on the East River. on such terms as has been Customary to grant to proprietors of land adjoining [33] the said River.

New York May 19^th^ 1806

Abraham King
Jacob Shute

Ordered that the same be confirmed

Ordered that Peters and Gedney be permitted to Build a Lime house in Pearl Street, Harmanus Talman in Vezey Street, and that Benjamin Bailey be permitted to build a Vault in Wall Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Baker and others to dig out Montgomery Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

The Committee appointed to examine the Comptrollers account for filling dirt into the Collect. report that they have examined the above account current and compared the same with the vouchers rendered and find that *on* [a] Balance *in* [is] due the Comptroller of $298.65¾ for monies expended by him beyond the sum advanced for the above purpose. This balance includes the balance on last settlement due the

Comptroller—there being no warrant issued for the said last mentioned balance due on the settlement of 14 April 1806.

12 May 1806

Jacob Mott
Simon Van Antwerp
J D L Montagnie

Ordered that the said report be confirmed and that a Warrant issue to the Comptroller for the said balance.

[34] A Return from Captain Beekmans Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas Romaine was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

Resolved that twelve additional Watchman be appointed and stationed in such manner as the Watch Committee shall direct

Ordered that a Warrant issue to the Comptroller for $133 $^{68}/_{100}$ to take up a note given by Peter P Wyckoff for Manure and that the Comptroller take the best security he can obtain

Ordered that the plan presented by the Street Commissioner for laying out Streets between the Bowery and Greenwich be and the same is hereby adopted

Ordered that the Attorney of the board proceed agreeably to Law for the recovery of all sums which have been advanced by the Common Council and which are a lien upon property

William Bridges was appointed a City Surveyor.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to build a Bulkhead at Beekman Slip

Ordered that the same do pass.

[35] The Street Commissioner to whom was referred a petition to defer the regulation of Spring Street reported against the prayer thereof. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

A Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of Andrew Blank was referred to Alderman Wood, M^{r} Torbert and M^{r} Shute

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take order for opening the outlet of Bertavers Killatie through Village Street to the Hudson River and that when the expence thereof is ascertained he present to this Board the draft of an Ordinance for Assessing the same upon the owners and Occupants of lots benefitted thereby agreeably to Law.

Resolved that the Watch Committee be authorized to call in the Watch boxes and place them in either the Bridewell or Alms house Yard and cause them to be repaired if necessary.

William P Roome was appointed to superintend the City Scavengers pursuant to the late Ordinance.

A Proposition of Enos Tompkins to furnish Bell dirt Carts was referred to the superintendant of Scavengers

Resolved that the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Road Committee present [36] to this board a Map or plan of the Dove lots nearly one acre lots with all convenient speed

Ordered that the Aldermen and assistants of the respective Wards report the Jury list at the next Meeting.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 2513 to 2529 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for

I^st^ For finishing the regulation of the Middle Road, from the South side of the Bridge near the powder house to John Murray's gate, agreeably to the profile. The hill is to be dug out forty feet wide, and the hollow filled in fifty feet wide on the line of the profile, and the rocks removed to the Bridge. If the earth from the hill should be found insufficient, more may be taken from the side Banks.

II. For erecting a substantial Stone Bridge across the road above mentioned in place of the present Bridge. with Walls on each side about ten feet high in the Centre, and one hundred and fifty feet long; besides a parapet wall three feet high and two feet thick above the surface of the Road. The arch must be seven feet high, [37] five feet wide, and fifty feet long, and be laid with good Masons Work in lime and sand. The side Walls are to be put up dry, faced on each side, battered, and sufficiently thick to resist the pressure of the earth which will be filled in between them.

III. For erecting a substantial arched Bridge of Stone on the Middle Road, over the stream South of M^r^ Post's in lieu of the present Bridge. The arch is to be eight feet high, five feet broad, and sixty feet in length across the road, and laid in lime and sand. The side Walls are to be put up dry, battered as aforesaid, and to be about twelve feet high, besides three feet parapet, two feet thick, and two hundred feet in length, on each side. In addition to the stone work of this Bridge, the Contractor must engage to fill in between the walls of the Bridge and at each end thereof, agreeably to the line of the profile and dig out and regulate so much of the Road as will be necessary to obtain the Earth for that purpose.

The materials on the Ground and in the adjacent parts of the Road will be at the disposal of the Contractors; from whom security will be required. that the work will be done at least equal to the walls laid by Anthony Smith, at Kessing Bridge.

IIII. For the regulating of Hudson Street, from Brannon Street to the South side of Hetty Street [38] from Greenwich Street to a point within thirty six feet of Mr Astor's fence agreeably to the profile.

The two last estimates be delivered by the first of April, and the work completed by the first of June and that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to accept the proposals for the same which in his opinion shall be most for the public interest.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the Streets pourtrayed by him on the Map of the ground between Greenwich Lane & the Bowery Road, this day presented to & adopted by this Board to be surveyed & staked out at the several Corners. to enable the proprietors to ascertain with precision the quantity of Ground that will be taken from them for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Street leading from the intersection of Hammond Street & Greenwich Lane to the mouth of the lane between Samuel Burling & Thomas Burlings land on the Bowery be opened of the breadth of sixty feet, & that the Street Commissioner take measures to carry the object of this Resolution into effect.

And be it further Resolved, That in all cases where the Cession of the said Street or any part of it cannot be obtained Gratis, The [39] Street Commissioner be directed to take the usual course of Law to cause the same to be opened.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Nicholas Lawrence for	City Watch	$217.56
William Van Wart	Do	217.56
Magnus Beekman	Do	197.96
William Peterson	Do	197.96
Hugh Gobel	Do	148.96
Gad Dumbolton	Do	148.96
Gad Dumbolton	City Watch	148.96
Nathan Stanberry on Contract for Hudson Street		100.
Magie and Kelly on Contract for Broome Street		300.
Abraham Stagg money assessed to Susan McClaskie on Division Street		41.93
Henry Hulsart for money assessed to Susan McClaskie on Norfolk Street		140.56

Henry Hulsart for money assessed to Richard Downing on Hester Street	$37.60
Thomas Hazard for salary of himself and Assistants	437.50
Wandell Van Antwerp for lime	16.50
James Hogan for paving at Catharine Market	74.68
Tate and McNiven repairing a Grate	5. 4
Arthur Johnson—Carting Dirt	50.31
Caparus Romaine Carting sand	17. 6
Charles Warner repairing wheels	42.25
F. Carlle and Company for Lamps	31.55
Rufus Beach for enforcing Sunday Law	7.
Josiah Shippey for attending observatory	13.
[40] William Hertell for Guaging oil	5.
Benjamin Romaine ballance of his Collect account	298.64
Benjamin Romaine for Clerks of election	134.
Benjamin Romaine for Constables at election	102.50
Benjamin Romaine to pay a Note of Peter P Wyckoff	133.58
Abraham Stagg money assessed to Edward Livingston for regulating Orchard Street	63.80
Jacob Dela Montagnie for Soupe house	200.

[41] In Common Council May 26. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob De la Montagnie	Esquires Aldermen	Joseph Board	Assistants.
James Fairlie		Samuel Torbert	
Jacob Mott		Simon Van Antwerp	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris	
Elias Nexsen		Gilbert Coutant	
Abraham King		John D Miller	
Thurston Wood		Adrian Hegeman	
Caleb Pell		Samuel M Hopkins	
James Drake			

A Petition of John Quackenbos for the return of his Bond given to secure the title of property taken to improve Leonard Street was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of George M Woolsey and others to repair Greenwich Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[42] A Communication of George Caines was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A Map of the City of Philadelphia having been presented to the board by the Common and Select Councils of that City. Ordered that the same be framed and placed in the Common Council Chamber.

A Petition that Washington Street be completed was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Mary and Winne Barrett to be relieved from a fine

for selling liquors Contrary to law was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition to regulate Roosevelt Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

An application of Waters Furman to be paid $12.81 being the assessment of John Michaels upon Lot N° 367 Mott Street was received and granted.*

A Petition of Ephraim Hart that a Water course be made near his Lots at the Collect was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Peter Fenton for a Water grant Opposite his property in Greenwich Street was reffered to the Comptroller.†

A Petition of Nathaniel Tucker and others respecting the regulation of Murray and Spring Street was refferred to the Alderman and assistant of [43] the Seventh and Eighth Wards and the Street Commissioner

An application of Arthur Smith and William Dustan for a Water Grant opposite their property at Greenwich was referred to the Comptroller.

An application of Catharine Stonehouse stating that the pump before her house in Beaver Street is a Nuisances was referred to the Alderman*d* and assistant of the first Ward.

Abner Wood. of N° 49 Water Street was Appointed a Fireman of Hook and Ladder Company N° 1 instead of Stephen Heustace resigned, Alexander M^cFarlane of N° 52 Water Street was Appointed a Fireman of Hook and Ladder Company N° 1 instead of James Shaw resigned. Edward Vermilla and Najah Wildman were appointed Firemen to the Haerlem Company instead of Benjamin Benson and Samuel Myers removed, William J Roome and John Wyley were appointed Fireman to Company N° 3 instead of John Rutgers and Matthias Crane resigned.

An application of George Dieterick for the Office of inspector of Bread was referred to the Committee on applications for offices.

An application of John Murray Junior for leave to build a Vault in Pearl Street was [44] granted under direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Margaret Davis stating her inability to Contribute towards the regulation of Grand Street was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

Upon receiving the report of the Committee on that subject.

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* Marginal note reads *Lien on 367. Mott St.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 369. 415.*—Ed.

Ordered that Abraham Brevoorts lease be renewed for lot N° 2 for twenty one Years at £8 per annum with the usual Covenants.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to regulate Montgomery Street Ordered that the same do pass and that Thomas Timpson, Whitehead Hicks, William Hunter, Thomas Ivers and George Buckmaster be appointed Assessors for the same.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating Washington Street Ordered that the same pass and that Lewis Ford, Amos Corning, William Ryer, John Sharp and Frederick Eckert be appointed assessors for the same.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for building a Bulkhead at the foot of Scammel Street, Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to dig out and regulate Attorney Street from the Northerly kennel of Stanton Street [45] to the Southerly kennel of Broome Street Ordered that the same do pass and that Thomas Timpson Whitehead Hicks, Abraham Van Gelder Junior Benjamin Thurston and William Hunter be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for extending three piers at the White hall Slip Ordered that the same pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to assess the Monies found for the Assessment of Canal Street. Ordered that the same do pass and that Leonard Bleecker, Nicholas Van Antwerp, Jasper Ward John H Sickles and John Bingham be appointed Assessors.

Ordered that Abijah Arden and Frederick Babcock have permission to Assign their leases to Andrew Ogden.

Resolved that the Comptroller call on the proprietors of the Wharf the West side of the Fly market Slip to ascertain whether they will sell the Common Council the one half of said pier and the right of Wharfage to the same on the East side of the said pier it being the Slip side and the one half of the Wharfage at the end and report their determination on Monday next to the board

The following report was received from the finance Committee

The finance Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Treasurer, respecting the monies [46] to be collected from Streets by assessments

Reports

That the practice under the former Street Commissioner D^r^ Brown was that the respective Collectors. were ordered to pay the several

Contractors from time to time such sums of money as they collected, in proportion as the work progressed; and when the Contract was compleated and examined by the Street Commissioner the Contractor received the whole of his Money from the Collector

The present Street Commissioner having altered the mode of paying the Contractors and having already opened a set of Books respecting Streets, as recommended by the Treasurer—Your Committee are of opinion on reconsidering the subject that it will be most adviseable to place the operations on this subject, in the mode already arranged by the Street Commissioner, as his Books will at all times be ready for any examination the Board may direct. The Committee on investigating this subject do not discover the necessity of keeping any Books on this subject—if the assessments were regularly filed all the purposes would be, in their opinion answered

They however have no objection to the mode arranged by the present Street Commissioner

26 May 1806 Samuel Torbert
Abraham King
Jacob Mott
J. D Miller
Ja Drake

[47] Ordered that the same be confirmed

The following report was received from the Committee on Wharves piers and slips.

The Committee on Docks & Slips recommend that Peter Schermerhorn's line be continued from front Street to South Street on a line say 31 feet 8 inches on front & the same dimentions on South Street —The Committee are of opinion that Peter Schermerhorn ought to pay an equivalent for this excess of Ground—If this is agreed to it will make the south side of Beekmans Slip uniform & leave *ought* [out] the break of 5 feet 8 inches. The committee offer the following resolution

Resolved. That Peter Schermerhorn's line on the south side of Beekmans slips be continued from front Street to South Street say at 31 feet 8 inches on front Street & the same dimentions on South Street he paying therefor the value of the excess of Ground beyond his grant and that the Comptroller be & he is hereby authoriz[d] to treat with Peter Schermerhorn & Report to this Board the value therefor

All which is submitted to
Jacob Mott
Elias Nexsen
W. Van Zandt J[r]

Ordered that the same be confirmed

A Petition of the Captains of Vessels stating that the Albany Slip is very much incumbered [48] was referred to the Committee on wharves, Slips and piers

A Petition to complete the pier at the Albany bason was referred to the Committee on wharves Slips and piers

Ordered that the Collector of the sixth ward have time until the first of July to settle his books.

On receiving the petition of Ephraim Brasher and others the following resolution was proposed by Alderman Van Zandt to wit— whereas a Number of Slaughter houses in this City are represented to this Board as great nuisances whereby the health of the inhabitants in their vicinity is greatly endangered Resolved that no slaughter house be built or erected in any part of this City without the authority of this Board under the penalty of $250 to be received with Costs of suit. It was moved to refer the said petition and resolution to the Board of health a division being called upon the said Motion the same was carried as follows to wit.

	Affirmative	
Aldermen	Dela Montagnie	Mr Torbert
	Fairlie	[49] Board
	Mott	Van Antwerp
	King	Morris
	Wood	Coutant
	Pell	Miller
	Negative	
Aldermen	Van Zandt	Mr Hegeman
	Drake	Hopkins

The Building Committee reported to the Board that in their opinion it is expedient to make an additional appropriation of $10,000 for the expences of progressing in the building of the New City Hall for the current Year agreeably to an annexed document furnished by Mr McComb. A division being called upon the said Report the same was negatived as follows to wit.

	Affirmative	
Aldermen	Fairlie	Mr Board
	Van Zandt	Van Antwerp
		Morris
	Negative	
Aldermen	Dela Montagnie	Mr Torbert
	Mott	Coutant
	Nexsen	Miller
	King	Hegeman
[50]	Wood	Hopkins
	Pell	
	Drake	

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisance Numbered from N° 2530 to 2540 inclusive Ordered that the same pass.

The City Inspector reported with respect to the regulation of the Alms house Yard the same was referred to the Aldermen and Assistant of the fifth and sixth Wards.

Jonas Humbert and Christian Nestell having resigned their appointments as Inspectors of bread the board proceeded to ballot for proper persons to fill the vacancies. and John Declew and John A Crolius having the greatest number of Votes were appointed accordingly.

Alderman Mott
Wood
Mr Coutant
Torbert
} were appointed a Committee to examine and report with respect to the New road to be laid out near the property of Samuel Burling to Greenwich.

[51] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Waters Furman for the assessment on John Michaels	$12.81
Jacob Mott Esqr for the Mud Machine	1000.
Samuel Crowdrey to pay expences of opening Canal. Varick. and Leonard Streets	570.
Carpenter and Tompkins on their Contract for Mud Machine	500.
John Bussing for Assessments on vacant lots in Sixth and Suffolk Streets	251.88
Bartholemew Skaats for Salary of himself and Assistant	126.50
Thomas and James Stevenson for Blacksmith Work to Engines	519.51
Andrew Leary for work	33.00
Hicks Jenkins and Company for Oil	2000.
David Burger for paper etc at election in the second ward	2.
Kay and Horner for work at pumps	84.31
Thomas Riley for painting at Goal	2.48
James Woods for Iron Stoves	157.95
Charles McPherson for work at Alms house	121.59
Dikeman and Varian for work to pumps	160.37
Samuel Lloyd as Clerk of Election	4.
Thomas Smith Blacksmith Work	111.46
Kimball and Skaats for painting	155.26

[52] In Common Council, June 2nd 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott James Drake Caleb Pell James Fairlie Jacob De la Montagnie Elias Nexsen Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert Jacob Shute Andrew Morris Simon Van Antwerp Gilbert Coutant John D Miller Adrian Hegeman Joseph Board

Assistants.

A Return from Captain Petersons Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee

Ordered that Daniel Smith, John Smith, Eli Goodale, Charles Sheppard, John [53] Johnston and George Taylor be appointed watchmen in Captain Beekmans Company instead of Phineas Pelton, Abraham Deforeest, James Van Houten Joseph Curtis, and Coddington who have absented themselves, and Isaac Tuckerman and William Heyer suspended. And that Peter Britt, John Webb, John Wright, Matthias Roome, John Bloomfield, John Morgan, John McClan and William Gerrard be appointed substitutes to the said Company.

A Report of the Attorney of the board respecting a violation of the Building Act was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the second Ward.

A Petition of Samuel Jackson for a Water Grant was referred to the Comptroller.

An application of Johnson and Stevens was referred to the Market Committee.

An application of James Desbrosses and others concerning the Bulkhead at New Slip was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Seventh Ward.

A Petition of John Jackson and others for a New ferry from Corlears hook point, to the Wallabout was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition to regulate Mulberry Street was referred to the Committee on that subject.

[54] The Committee to whom was referred the petition of four of the Auctioneers praying for the indulgence of having Cryers or

Bellmen to be allowed them in attending their sales at public auction Reported that in their opinion the prayer of the said petition ought not to be granted. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

A Petition for opening Frankford Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

An application of Charles Christian Concerning sales at Auction at Burling Slip was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the second Ward.

A Petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesant for a Water grant was referred to the Comptroller

David Mann resigned his stand N° 37 Fly Market. Ordered that the said resignation be accepted and that Henry Shop be appointed in his stead.

A Petition of Samuel Cannon for the remission of a penalty against the law for the inspection of flour was received and granted.

A Petition of John Marschalk to be appointed a Weighmaster was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices

[55] Resolved that the superintendant of Repairs be directed to construct two additional gates to Communicate between Marketfield Street and the Battery.

An application of John Delafield for permission to extend his Wharf was Committed to the Committee on Wharves Slips and piers

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner and the Collector for Walnut Street

To the Honourable Corporation of the City of New York

*The Petition of Abr^m Van Gelder Jr Humbly Shewt that your Petitioner being appointed to Collect the assessment list for diggen out and regulation of Walnut Street—and on account of a number of Lotts being described by their Numbers on the Assessment list Your petitioner has not been able to Collect the same Viz

Lott N°	89	21.17
	90	21.17
	1	84.72
	42	21.17
	41	21.17
	40	21.17
	39	21.17
		211.74

* Marginal note reads *Lien on Lotts in Walnut Street.*—Ed.

I doe Solomley sware in the presence of Almighty God that I have deligentley enquired after the owners [56] of said Lotts and have not been able to find them

Abr^m Van Gelder Jun^r

Sworn before me.
this 2^nd day of June 1806
J D Montagnie Ald^n

The subscriber recommends that a Warrant issue to M^r Van Gelder for the above sum to enable him to close this assessment.

June 2^d 1806

John S Hunn
Street Comm^r

Ordered that the same be confirmed and a Warrant issue accordingly.

A Petition of Miller, Baker and others respecting the Assessment of Canal Street was referred to the Street Commissioner and Attorney of the Board

A Report of the Street Commissioner relative to Fishermans Carrs was referred to the Market Committee

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for repairing Roosevelt Street Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance to make Washington Street from Marketfield Street to Beaver lane Ordered that the same pass.

The Street Commissioner reported assessments for Elm, Leonard, Hudson and Hetty Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed [57] and Oliver Jaques be appointed Collector, assessments were also reported for Orange, Mott and Spring Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector.

An Ordinance to pave George Street passed the board and Thomas Timpson, William Hunter, Benjamin North, Whitehead Hicks and John Youle were appointed assessors.

The following report*ed* was received from the Comptroller

The Comptroller beg leave to state

That the sum of One thousand & seventy seven Dollars & forty five Cents remains out standing on account of manure sold by Henry Remmy late Superintendant of Scavengers—and the further sum of four hundred & forty six dollars ninety Cents out standing on Acc^t of Manure disposed of by Stephen Hitchcock the former Super^td

The Comptroller not being acquainted with any of the persons in debted to this department recommends that Henry Remmy be ap-

pointed to Collect those outstanding debts as he is best known to the persons in arrear.

The following resolution is offered Resolved that Henry Remmy the late superintendant of Scavengers is hereby authorised and requested to collect the several sums of Money due to this Board for manure—and to prosecute for the same without delay if refusal or neglect shall [58] be made in the payment

Respectfully

under the direction of Compt[r]

2 June 1806 Bj[n] Romaine
Compt[r]

Ordered that the same be confirmed

A Resolution in the following words having been proposed to wit. Resolved that a pier and L be constructed to the South side of the one constructed last Year, so as to complete the intended bason at the North River between the lower end of Partition Street and Vezey Street and that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for carrying this resolution into effect Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and piers.

Ordered that a pump in Roosevelt Street be removed under the direction of the Overseers of pumps in the fourth Ward.

The City Inspector reported the draft of Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 2541 to 2561 inclusive, Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to direct the Mud machine have power to send the horses used by them to the alms house instead of those at present belonging to that establishment in case they shall consider the same superior and more serviceable.

Ordered that the Committee on that [59] subject be authorized to write to M[r] Hasler and defray his expences to this City and back again to Philadelphia in order that he may be able to treat with this board relative to making a proper survey of this Island

Ordered that Alsop Hunt have liberty to erect a lime house in Water Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

John Ennesen on Contract for regulating Magazine Street.....	$100.
Abraham King to pay Lathorp and Kelly on their Contract.....	200.
William Mariner for his claim against the Estate of Ann ..	19.24
Edward Meeks Blacksmith work.....	59. 2

John Shepherd repairing a boat	$9.50
George for spikes etc	13.43
John T Blawvelt for dock stone	85.
Edward Meeks Blacksmith Work	188.98
Edward Meeks Blacksmith Work	53.31
Robert Sickles lighting and cleaning City Lamps	178.87
James Wood repairing Lamps	27.62
Robert Dodge repairing Lamps	108. 5
Conrad Jordan repairing Lamps	16.
Robert Brown for spars	84.56
[60] Jonas Humbert Salary as Inspector of Bread	100.
Richard Burchan for reporting passengers	50.
Henry Watkeys for Candles	8.60
George Walter on contract	229.84
Hugh Colbert Carting dirt	27.56
James Smith paving	62.43
Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	217.56
William Van Wart Do	217.56
Magnus Beekman Do	210.56
William Peterson Do	208.46
Hugh Gobel Do	148.96
Gad Dumbolton Do	148.96
Ichard Prall lost Buckets	4
Joseph Webb repairing Lamps	41.75
James Hardie for services	62.50
Edward Moran for services	70.
Andrew Oterson for services	70.

[61] In Common Council June 9. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt Junior Thurston Wood Jacob Dela Montagnie James Drake Elias Nexsen James Fairlie Abraham King Caleb Pell Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp Jacob Shute Gilbert Coutant Adrian Hegeman Samuel M. Hopkins Andrew Morris
		Assistants

A Return from Captain Dumboltons Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Robert Kenah for liberty to sell meat was referred to the Market Committee.

An application of Catherine Kip for permission to make a drain at 51 Pearl Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the *Word* [Ward].

A Petition of Beekman M Van Beuren [62] and Samuel B Waldron Overseers of the roads for an increase of compensation was referred to the road Committee

Ordered that Messieurs N M^c^Vickar and Theodorus Polhemus and David Stebbins be permitted to erect lime houses under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistants of the Wards. And Joshua Waddington a Vault under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A representation of George Clinton and others respecting the Air furnace was referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of J. Grant was referred to the Committee on docks wharves and piers.

Resolved that Bell Carts be provided as heretofore and that the superintendant of Streets be authorized immediately to agree with a sufficient Number for that purpose.

A Petition of Thomas and John Gardner for a water grant was referred to the Committee on docks wharves and piers.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Division Street between Orchard and East Rutgers Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward and Street Commissioner.

The Counsel of the Board to whom was referred the application of the Commissioner of the loan Office respecting the debt of George [63] B Ewart reported as follows to wit.

New York May 9th 1806

Gent^n^

There appearing no probability of speedily recovering Geo. B. Ewarts Mortgage to the Loan Office out of his Estate, we apprehend the Law for loaning the Money, makes it our duty to ask you for the Amount with the interest that has become due thereon

We have the honor to be very respectfully Gent^n^

Your most obed^t^ Serv^t^

Corn Ray
A L Bleecker } Loan Officers

G. B. Ewarts Mortgage on property to which it is believed he had no legal Title	£245.
2 Yrs Interest due thereon to the 1st Tuesday in the present Month..	29. 8
	£274. 8

Upon the 20th & 28th Sections of the New Loan Office Act I am of opinion that the Corporation is bound to make provision for Ewart's

Debt—and should have the Amount of it added to the next Tax upon the City, which however can only be done by Act of the Legislature.

Rich Harison.

20 May 1806

[64] Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant issue accordingly

A presentment of the Grand Jury against the situation of pavements, Gutters, and heaps of dirt was referred to the City Inspector

A presentment of the Grand Jury against the situation of Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner and City Inspector

A presentment of the Grand Jury against Ferry and Jay Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

An application of Dr Hosack to have his Mortgage cancelled was referred to the Attorney of the Board with Authority to have the Mortgage cancelled

An application of General Morton was received for furnishing powder to celebrate the fourth of July. Ordered that the Comptroller be directed to provide and furnish the usual quantity

A Report of the Street Commissioner concerning a New Street near Magazine Street was referred to Alderman Pell, Van Zandt and Fairlie

A Petition of the inhabitants of Mulberry Street was referred to the alderman and assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

On receiving the report of the Committee on that subject Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to make a Survey of the intended North Street between Bowery and [65] Broadway agreeable to the above plan and take every necessary step for opening the same.

A presentment of the Grand Jury against Lottery Officers was received and filed.

An application of William Moore respecting an invention for ventilating pumps was referred to Mr Hopkins, Hegeman and Board.

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for regulating Delancey Street from Bowery Road to Suffolk Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Abraham Stagg appointed Collector

Abraham Stagg returned that John R Livingston has neglected to pay the assessment of his property in Division Street between Clinton and Grand Street Ordered that a Warrant issue to Compel payment.

Upon receiving a report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that Frankford Street between Skinner Street and Pearl Street be made of the width of thirty five feet, by taking a sufficient Quantity of

Ground for that purpose from the Lots on the North side and that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures to carry the same into effect.

William Hopkins Carver and Gilder N° 111 William Street, William Spencer Bricklayer N° 318 Pearl Street, Joseph Curtis Merchant N° 98 Maiden lane, Foster Nostrandt merchant [66] N° 269 Pearl Street and Thomas Schenck Grocer Corner of South Street and Fly Market were appointed firemen to Company N° 5. Isaac Lounsberry and William Simpson were appointed firemen to Engine N° 10 instead of Frederick Rigur resigned

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of D Mitchell relative to sinking a pier in front Street having reported in favour of the same Ordered that D^r Mitchell have liberty to erect a small pier adjoining to that of M^r Agnew in Front Street to the West of Roosevelt Street in the fourth Ward in such manner as to enable him to receive the Wharfage of the same.

Resolution passed.

Whereas it is essential to the Convenience of Citizens who have business depending before this board that the Records and minutes thereof be kept at the same place where the other public Offices of this Board are kept and it is also important to the proper dispatch of the public business that the Members of this board have the means of access to the Records and Minutes aforesaid in same public place —therefore Resolved that all the records minutes and public papers and documents of this Board be kept in the Office designated for that purpose at City Hall and that the same *to* be kept open by the Clerk or his deputy on all usual days and hours of business.

[67] The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances Numbered from 2562 to 2576 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the petition of Beekman M Van Bueren and Samuel Waldron for increase of Salary as Overseers of the road reported in favor of the same Resolved that the sum of fifty Cents be allowed them per day more than the present allowance to commence at the time they began to work upon the roads

Resolved that Washington Street between the Centre of Partition and Vezey Streets be regulated and paved the same being in a very bad condition and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance for the same,

Resolved that immediate measures be taken for Compleating the Corporation bason at the North River by erecting a pier and L at the

South side thereof and that the Street Commissioner be and is hereby authorized to Carry this resolution into effect as soon as Mr Varicks right be ascertained

Ordered that the list of Jurors in the several wards be approved and that the Clerk be authorized to have them Copied as soon as possible.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his [68] Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Philip J Arcularius for support of Alms house	$4000.
Anderson and Hurd on Contract for Fly Market Slip	500.
Dob and Dearman Clocks at Peck Slip	1000.
Smith and Day for regulating Delancey Street	240.
Abel Hardenbrook repairing engines	1532.27
Lewis Ford Carpenters Work	110.25
John Sharp Timber	187. 8

[69] In Common Council June 16th 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants
Jacob Dela Montagnie		Andrew Morris	
Caleb Pell		Samuel Torbert	
James Fairlie		Adrian Hegeman	
Thurston Wood		Gilbert Coutant	
Abraham King		John D Miller	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Joseph Board	
James Drake		Samuel M Hopkins	
Elias Nexsen.			

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of Ira Munson be confirmed that Adam Hyler be restored as a Watchman and that Seebe Banta, Richard Skinner, John Lee, Henry Brown, Zacaraiah Mayfield, William Selson, John Day, Joseph Caywood and Andrew [70] Ingersol, be Appointed substitutes to Captain Dumboltons Company.

An application of John Jackson for a Water Grant at Brooklyn was referred to the Comptroller.

A return from Captain Beekmans Watch Company was referred to the Comptroller

The following report was received from the Committee relative to Magazine Street*

The Committee to whom was refer'd the Street Commissioner['s] report respecting Cross Street from Magazine to Anthony Street

* Interlinear note reads *Cross Street or Collect?*—Ed.

Inform the Board that they have view'd the said Street and are of opinion that the Cross Street running from Magazine to Anthony Street should be 75 feet at its Opening on Magazine and 60 feet wide on Anthony Street this will answer every purpose and save the necessity of a heavy assessment—The Committee offer the following resolutions

Resolved, That the Cross Street running from Magazine to Anthony Street be 75 feet wide on Magazine and 60 feet wide on Anthony Street.

Resolved. That the Street Commissioner together with the Attorney of this Board take means for carrying into effect the foregoing resolution

All which is submitted by

Caleb Pell
W Van Zandt. Jr

[71] Ordered that the same be confirmed and the resolutions thereby recommended pass accordingly

A proposition, of the Daughters of the late Peter Stuyvesant to cede certain Streets to the public, providing the Board will defray the expence of opening and regulating the same was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Ordered that a private Street used as a part of Orchard Street be granted.

A Petition of Ely and others to raise the wharf in South Street between Burling Slip and the Fly Market was referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers.

A Petition of Richbill Mott and others to regulate Grand Street below Elizabeth Street and to pave Grand Street from Elizabeth Street to the Bowery was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Sixth and Eighth Wards

The following report was received from the Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Inspector.

The City Inspector has the honor to present draft of Ordinances for the purpose of removing sundry nuisances from N° 2530 to 2540 inclusive, which in his opinion ought to be passed by the Common Council.

M^r Roome to whom was referred the subject of Bell carts reports the proposals of [72] Enos Tomkins and the arrangement that can be made by him to cleanse the Streets adjoining the public Markets on Sundays and the removal of Dead carcases &^ca which is submitted

The privies of the Alms house are in an abominable state of nuisance and require immediate attention. On consultation with the Superintendants of the Alms house and repairs, it appears practicable to construct new privies in such manner as to discharge the contents by means of the common sewer through Chamber Street into the North river, which may be sufficiently scoured by means of the almost constant flow of Water from the pumps of the Alms house to keep them clean—The plan appears so extremely feasible as to deserve the experiment—in which case the yard of the Alms house will be kept pure and wholesome otherwise it must progressively become a sink of pollution, should new vaults be opened as the old ones are filled

All which is respectfully submitted

City Inspector John Pintard
office May. 12. 1806

The Committee to whom that part of the within report relating to the foul state of the sinks in the alms house Yard was referred, recommend—That sinks in the Vicinity of those Complained of and of the [73] same size be immediately constructed and Masoned up with Stone and Mortar and as soon as possible. That the present necessary houses be put over them, and the old sinks be filled up with unslack'd lime, and covered over

The Committee are of opinion That the filth will be so neutralized by the lime That it may be removed without inconvenience before the new sinks are filled. June 16th 1806

J D L Montagnie
Caleb Pell
J D Miller

Ordered that the same be confirmed

An application of Dr Hosack stating that there was an overcharge of interest on his Bond was referred to the Comptroller

The following report was received from the Attorney of the Board

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of James Halliday, Thomas McConaghy, Augustus Lawrence, & John Gilman praying to be indemnified, against the demands of Peter Lorrillard for the Rent of Lots leased by them. of him in Canal Street

Reports

That in his Opinion the claims of which the petitioners are apprehensive are unfounded and consequently [74] that there is nothing to indemnify them against Perhaps it may be said by these

Gentleman, if the Corporation hazard nothing by granting us the Prayer of our petition, it is of Course at most a nugatory Act, and cannot involve them, while it will essentially relieve us from what we are informed by Counsel may possibly happen—With as much propriety might it be demanded of a Grantor to Warrant the Grantee against the tortious and illegal acts of Strangers while in the Case now under consideration this Consequence might result, in addition to the trouble of drawing & executing the required instrument of indemnity, the claims of Mr Lorrillard might receive a stronger Colour of propriety and foundation from the Circumstance that the petitioners would eventually be relieved against them. or the petitioners might be rendered less assiduous in repelling them It cannot be determined what might be the Extent of this Consideration either on the minds of a Court and Jury or on the applicants But certain it is, in respect to the former, that individuals are Viewed and dealt with in a more favorable manner than the public. and in respect to the latter considered as individuals, it may with much appearance of probability be said that security might lead to inactivity on their part, it will follow then that the Corporation ought not, unless for very strong & conclusive reasons [75] to interfere in a Case like the present—In order to determine this the more satisfactorily, the following Concise statement of facts is presented.

Mr Lorrillard is intitled to the reversion in fee of the 4 Lots in Canal Street spoken of by the petitioners, he having granted Leases of them respectively for the Term of 20 Years from the 1st of May last, to the Petitioners—Sometime since a Jury was summoned pursuant to the act for laying out Streets, to value such parts of these Lots, as were required for the opening of Canal Street The Jury were sworn and gave in their Verdicts which it must be Supposed were Satisfactory to Mr Lorrillard as he did not move for a new Inquest—The Directions then of the Act, in respect to Mr Lorrillard have been complied with. what these Directions are will be seen from the following Extract. "Which Jury shall inquire of and assess such damages and recompence as they shall under all the circumstances Judge fit to be awarded to the Owner or Owners of such ground for their respective losses according to their several interests and Estates therein" Some time after similar proceedings were had respecting the Petitioners, the Lessees of the same lots. They say they are satisfied with the Verdicts But complain of their liability to Mr Lorrillard for the whole Rent of the Lots, and his threat to inforce such liability—It remain[s] therefore to be seen whether such liability exists. Mr

[76] Lorrillard has received a Valuation according to his Interest and Estate in the Premises.

The Attorney of the Board cannot state what were the calculations of the Jury on the subject. But on principle, Mr Lorrillards Claim is unquestionably extinguished—He demands rent, now Rent is defined to be a certain profit issuing yearly out of Lands and Tenements. It Constitutes therefore a part of his Interest & Estate, and according to his Interest and Estate, the Valuation must be presumed to have proceded—He has therefore received a satisfaction, in legal Contemplation, for the Rent which he now makes the subject of demand

But upon a broader View of the subject and without reference to technical definitions Mr Lorrillard must be supposed to be compensated by the verdict of the Jury, to the full Value of his Estate in the premises—so that what he was worth in Land is now made up to him in Money

The Jury must have considered their Verdict in this point of view, or they could not have supposed that they were allowing him such damages & recompence as were fit to be under all the Circumstances *to be* awarded to him—But supposing for a moment that Complete Justice had not been done to Mr Lorrillard still the Lessees have nothing to apprehend from his demand of rent because their being deprived of the Land by force of the Act referred to, must be considered [77] as tantamount and equivalent to an Eviction at Common Law, in which Case the rent ceases of Course and the plea of Eviction is a good bar to the action for rent

The injustice of the demand apprehended by the Petitioners is strikingly evident in asmuch as the Lessor has been paid for the Ground its full Value (this must be supposed) which becomes the principal in his hands. And can be put out & Interest secured upon it, in addition to which he proposes to demand Rent or Interest at the hands of his ejected Lessees, thus making double interest out of the same sum—A proceeding in which he cannot reasonably expect to be sanctioned by any Court or any principle of Justice—From these Considerations the Undersigned has the Honor to recommend that the petitioners have leave to with draw their petition—It may be proper to state that Mr Harrison Counsel of the Board concurs in this recommendation

All which is respectfully submitted

New York 16th June 1806. S. Crowdrey

Ordered that the same be confirmed

A petition for a drain in ferry Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Desbrosses and others praying that the Northerly side of Front Street may be run in a direct line from the front of their [78] Stores to the New Slip Reported that the prayer thereof be granted and that the contemplated line commence from the South Easterly corner of Franklin Stores. Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Petition of Robert Kennah for the remission of a penalty was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Edward Ferris to regulate a part of Oak Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Daniel Aim was appointed a fireman of Company N° 6 instead of Elijah Heustace resigned. John Winship was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 10 instead of Nicholas Romaine resigned, and Nathaniel Mertine instead of Nathaniel C Hart resigned—Charles Ames, James Corwin and Abraham A Slover were appointed Fireman to Company N° 11 instead of Samuel Wooley. Jacob Boerum and William Bogardus, and William Mott was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 12 instead of Henry Aubeck.

On receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that Arthur Smith be appointed an Assessor for Varick Street instead of Samuel L Page Junior who declines.

The Street Commissioner reported ordinances to regulate Mulberry Street, and to pave Bedlow Street, and to lay the walks on [79] the South side and also for paving a part of Washington Street. Ordered that the same pass the board

A return of delinquents was received from Oliver Jaques Collector for Barley and Cross Street. Ordered that Warrants issue

A Petition to regulate Prince Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

On receiving the report of the Street Commissioner.

An Ordinance to make a new brick drain in ferry Street passed the board

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be requested to examine Front Street West of Franklins Stores and report the proper line of said Street in conformity with front Street on the East side of said Stores

A Petition of the Member of Fire Company N° 30 for a larger Engine was referred to the Chief Engineer.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and

removal of Nuisances numbered from 2577 to 2603 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that William Wright, Daniel Winship, Jacob Tier, William Chivvis, David Marsh Jacob Varian and Christian Miller be appointed Inspectors to inspect the Slaughter Houses in the City, and to carry into effect such parts of the law [80] for preventing Nuisances as regard butchers and to punish transgressors of such regulations as the butchers may adopt among themselves for the purpose of conducting their business with every possible propriety.

Alderman King and Fairlie were added to the Committee for exam[in]ing the new Streets near Burlings property and the said Committee directed to report on Monday next.

A Petition of Robert Dyde for remission of a penalty for selling liquors without licence was referred to the Attorney of the Board,

A Proposition of Gerard Walton and others to sell the East side of the pier next to the Fly Market Slip to this board for the sum of $8000 was received. Ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller with Authority to offer $5000 therefore and should such sum not be accepted that the Street Commissioner carry out a suitable pier on the Waters of the Corporation

Alderman Van Zandt, Mott and Nexsen } Were appointed a Committee to examine the Comptrollers last account for filling in the Collect.

Resolved that a Warrant issue to [81] Richard Smith for $500 to be paid out of any unappropriated money being the Amount of a note held by him given by the Comptroller as part of the consideration Money for the improvements at Hellgate ferry purchased by the Corporation

Alderman Van Zandt, Drake, Mr Miller, Alderman Dela Montagnie and Mr Morris } Were appointed a Committee of arrangements for the celebration of the fourth of July

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Grant praying further time to build a pier at Charlotte Slip reported against the prayer of the said petition and that such pier ought to be made as soon as possible

Ordered that the said report be Confirmed

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Christian reported thereon

Resolved that the City Inspector be directed to see the Law regulating sales at auction regularly carried into effect.

Resolved that the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward be associated with the Street Commissioner to build Whitehall Slip

The Committee to whom was referred the last account of the Comptroller of expenditures for filling in the Collect reported the same to be [82] correct and that a balance is due the Comptroller of One hundred and sixty dollars and five Cents Ordered that the said report be confirmed and that a Warrant issue for such balance.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	$217.56
William Van Wart do	217.56
Magnus Beekman do	212.66
William Peterson do	212.66
Hugh Gobel do	148.96
Gad Dumbolton do	149.96
Hugh Gobel City Watch boxes	2.62
Beekman M Van Beuren working public roads	301.51
Samuel B Waldron working public roads	642. 5
Oliver Jaques assesment on Harman Street	17.18
Nathaniel Underhill work for superintendant of repairs	100.00
Benjamin DeMilt regulating Clocks	116.66
Proprietor of Evening post for subscription	37.50
Hicks, Jenkins and Company for Oil	2159.39
John McKean Carting dirt	66.16
Richard Turney laying brick Walks	75.33
Enos Tompkins for bell Carts	22.
Richard Turney for paving	17.81
Anderson and Hurd for Contract at Fly Market Slip	250.
Benjamin Romaine balance of last Collect account	160.50
Benjamin Romaine for Collect	1000.
John H Sickles for building Committee	2000.
Bartholomew Skaats for fuel	400.
[83] John H Sickles to pay on the Contract of Johnson and Stevens for Marble pursuant to a former order of this board	1500.
Richard Smith pursuant to resolution of this day	500.

[84] In Common Council June 23. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder

Jacob Mott Caleb Pell. Jacob Dela Montagnie Abraham King Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp Andrew Morris Jacob Shute Samuel Torbert Gilbert Coutant John D Miller Adrian Hegeman	Assistants

A return from Captain Lawrences Company was referred to the Watch Committee.

Petitions of John and Peter Chappel for Butchers stands were referred to the Market Committee

Thomas Winship having surrender[ed] his stand at N° 23 Hudson Market the same was given to Jonathan Winship

A Petition of Isaac Emmons and others for lamps in Elizabeth Street was referred to the lamp Committee.

[85] An application of Thomas Cooper and others Against the enlargement of Grand Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

William Underhill 242 Water Street Joel Sayre 100 Maidenlane, John Downing 377 Pearl Street, James Jarvis 50 Maiden lane and John Leonard 104 Maiden lane were appointed Firemen to Company N° 5. Edward Meeks N° 14 Broad Street, Jacob Coutant of N° 7 South Street, and James Connor of N° 71 Front Street were appointed Firemen to Company N° 9 instead of Peter Dustan, Cornelius Crygier and Robert M[c]Brett, and Adam Miller was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 11 instead of Matthew Somerindyke.

A Petition of Solomon Cock and others stating the New Greenwich Market to be in a State of Nuisance was referred to the City Inspector

Resolved that it be the duty of the Treasurer to furnish Weekly upon application the Comptroller with a statement of the Treasury with the receipts and expenditures and that it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to lay the same before the Board at every meeting.

Alderman King was appointed a Member of the Committee respecting the employment of M[r] Hasler. to make a Map of the Island and M[r] Torbert and M[r] Shute added to the said Committee

[86] The following report was received from the Committee respecting the celebration of the 4 July.

The Committee appointed to adopt arrangements for the celebra-

tion of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Independence of the United States, report the following plan.

1. That a national Salute be fired at the Battery at sun rise, noon and sun set and that the Bells of the several Churches in this City, be rung at the same hours.

2. That the National colours be displayed at the Battery and City Hall, throughout the day, from sun rise to sun set, and That the Masters of American Vessels in the harbour be also requested to hoist their Colours.

3. That the Brass Ordinance taken from the enemy during the revolutionary War, be removed from the Arsenal to the Battery on the afternoon of the 3d of July and be returned to the Arsenal on the afternoon of the 5th

4. That the Common Council assemble at the City Hall at 11 O'clock and wait on the Mayor at noon.

5 That a public dinner be provided in the City hall at 4 O'clock and that invitations be sent to the officers of the General and state Governments, the several officers and suite of the militia—Foreign Consuls and strangers of distinction.

[87] 6. And in order, as far as possible, to prevent riots and confusion on the day, That permission be Granted for the erection of Booths in the vicinity of the Battery and that suitable positions be Assigned for the purpose by the City Inspector or his deputy.

7. That the expences incurred on this occasion be defrayed by the Common Council.

Which is submitted

N York 23d June 1806. W Van Zandt
Chairman of Committee

Ordered that the same be Confirmed

A communication of the Attorney of the Board and several affidavits respecting the Brooklyn Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee.

Upon receiving the report of the Committee upon that subject. Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to take the necessary steps for regulating and paving Grand Street from Bowery lane to the intersection of Elizabeth Street and likewise for digging down so much of Grand Street as will carry off the water that now remains in the said Street.

A Petition of John C Schoft for an Office was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

A remonstrance of the Corporation of Trinity Church against making [88] certain Water grants was referred to Alderman Mott, Van Zandt and Pell

A report of the Comptroller on the petition of George Clinton and others was referred to the same Committee.

Ordered that the fine of Robert Kenah for selling meat contrary to Law. and the proportion of the Corporation in the fine of Robert Dyde for selling liquors without licence be remitted upon payment of Costs.

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee. Ordered that Ryer Demarest and Richard Earl be appointed Watchman and Francis Depew and John Bourdett substitutes in Captain Gobles Company.

*A Petition of Thomas Buchanan that a Conveyance may be executed for the lot formerly sold to him was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A complaint of the bad situation of several pumps in the Sixth Ward was referred to the overseers of wells and pumps in the said Ward.

A Petition to regulate Mulberry Street from Bayard Street to Houstoun Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for filling in sunken lots at the Collect. Ordered that the same pass.

[89] The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment of Delancey Street from Suffolk to Lewis Streets Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for opening Amity Street Ordered that the same pass and that Peter H Wendover Henry Brevoort George J Warner Samuel Stilwell and David Marsh be appointed assessors.

Upon receiving the report of the City Inspector Ordered that the Greenwich New Market be raised and that a cellar be made under the same and that the same be executed under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances Numbered from 2604 to 2615 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

Upon receiving the report of the City Inspector Ordered that the auctioneers in Vezey Street and Burling Slip who are in the habit of selling Goods by retail in the Street have time until the first day of July next to sell of their goods on hand.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17 P. 138.*—ED.

The following ordinance passed the board

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty in Common Council convened That it shall not be lawfull to burn any shavings in any Street road or lane or to kindle any Fire [90] of any other combustible matter in any Street road or Lane in this City under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence to be recovered from every person or persons aiding or assisting therein

And be it further ordained that in all cases of Offences against this ordinance by any apprentises, Minors or servants the penalties by them respectively Incurred shall be payable by and recoverable from their parents Guardians Masters or Mistresses respectively with costs

And be it further ordain'd that so much of the ordinance heretofore passed as relates to the burning of shavings be and the same is hereby repealed

Ordered that the Bond given by John Quackenbos to secure the title of the property taken to improve Leonard Street be delivered up to him.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Divie Bethune for a Water grant reported on the subject Ordered that the said report be recommitted and that the said Divie Bethune and Abijah Hammond who opposes the said application be directed to furnish testimony to the said Committee in support of their respective claims within thirty days and that the Committee report without delay

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

No 350	Dikeman & Varian for Pumps	$226. 6
[91]351	Thomas Hazard for Constables	81.26
352	John Moneypenney for Lumber	88.00
353	Mark McCammon for services	69.
354	Abraham Bloodgood for Lamblack	2.43
355	Barker Pierson & Co for Iron work	23.16
356	Andrew Leary for work	23.37
357	James Horner for repairing wells	98.
358	Daniel Robertson for work at Bellivieu	17.80
359	Sands & Dickinson for Rope	11.57
360	Hill and Hoyt for filling in fly market slip	500.
361	James Hogan for paving Intersections	262.25
362	Tunis Wortman for half Quarters Salary	75.
363	Cornelius Warner to pay Labore[r]s	150.
364	David King for Beer &c	90.81
365	Hugh Culbert for Carting	34.12
366	Daniel Woolsey for erecting ferry stairs	250.
367	James Smith for paving Intersections	140.96
368	William Pierce for masons work	9.62

N° 369	John A King for Timber	$9.46
370	Arthur Johnson for Carting sand	54.68
371	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Cart	36.
372	William P. Roome for superintending Streets	79.87
373	Samuel Westervelt for lime	71.25

[92] In Common Council June 30. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esq[r] Mayor

James Drake	Andrew Morris
James Mott	Jacob Shute
Thurston Wood	John D Miller
Abraham King	Samuel M Hopkins
Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Samuel Torbert
Elias Nexsen	Adrian Hegeman
Caleb Pell	Gilbert Coutant
	Joseph Board
	Simon Van Antwerp

A Petition of Abijah Arden was referred to the Comptroller and Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Peter N Tilyou and others against taking up Catherine and Cheap side Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition for opening Reason [93] Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Simon Nathan and others Auctioneers praying permission to sell goods as heretofore was referred to Alderman Pell, Drake and M[r] Miller.

A Petitions of Edward Laight and others and of Benjamin Aycrigg for Water Grants was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of George Limbert and Conrad A Fritz stating that they have been improperly taxed for property in the Bowery was referred to the Comptroller.

An application of the Superintendant of the Alms house complaining of the conduct of Samuel Brewster the Stewart and applications of Richard Nixon and Robert Townsend Junior for the appointment were referred to Alderman Van Zandt, Mott and Drak.

James Palmer was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 26 instead of Christian Burgh resigned George Wardell and George Polhemus were appointed a Fireman of Company N° 25 instead of Jacob Smith Junior and Joseph Cook resigned and Henry Turnier was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 12 instead of Thomas Willets resigned

It being represented to the Board that a Bulkhead is constructing

to be placed at the foot of Grand Street in order to prepare a [94] suitable site for the New Market agreeably to the directions given for that purpose and that Andrew Garr has a Quantity of timber lying at that place which he refuses to remove Ordered that the said Andrew Garr be directed to remove the said timber within 48 hours from the receipt of a Copy of this order And that upon his neglect or refusal the persons employed to construct the said Bulkhead be directed to remove the same to some place of safety.

Resolved that the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward be Authorized to Appropriate a Sum not exceeding $300 for the purpose of building a cellar under the New Market to be erected at the foot of Grand Street

Mr Schermerhorn was permitted to erect two Vaults at the Corner of Greenwich and Cortlandt Streets and Cornelius Heyer to Build a lime house in Beaver Street and to have the privelege of putting a trunk in the main drain.

A Petition of Thomas Winship for liberty to sell Meat at Corlaers hook and for a stand in Grand Street Market was received and granted,

A report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner respecting the Bond of indemnity given by Mr Quackenbos to secure the property taken to continue Leonard Street [95] was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Hulsart and Stagg respecting their contract for digging out Stanton Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Upon receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ichabod Prall and Rathbone were appointed Assessors for filling in Beekman Slip instead of John Wilson and Abraham Prall. Ordered that the Work be postpone[d] until the next spring.

The following report was received.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of *of* having a survey and Map made of the Island of New York

Report. that they have duly considered the subject and are of opinion that the obtaining a correct Map of this Island is a matter of very great importance to the public, and that Mr Hassler and the person Associated with him are commended as possessing the Talents requisite for making such survey and Map—The Committee therefore recommend that they be employed for three months begining at such time in the ensuing month as may be agreeable to them and in such place or places and in such manner as may be directed by the Committee who will examine their Work and furnish them from time to

time with such [96] advice & directions as will render the same on the Score of accuracy & dispatch most to the advantage of the Corporation.

Estimate of the Expence beyond which it cannot go for the time. Viz

Mr Hassler—5 Dollars per day

Mr (his associate) 4 do for their services

They to find their own Instruments of every kind—and each to be allowed one dollar per day. for their subsistance

four. Chains bearers & flagmen a pr day. each including their expences

All which is submitted &c

Ja Fairlie Ch. man
Samuel Torbert
J D Miller
Abraham King
Jacob Shute

27 June 1806

☞N. B. it was thought proper not to keep Mess Hassler & Co any longer in the City at the expence of the Corporation their acct was presented and I advanced the Money. by which means four or five days expence of each was saved I request a Warrant for the Amot Mr Pintard will hand the acct & receipt

In case the Board agree to this Report Mr Pintard is to write to the persons to be imployed through Mr Vaughn at Philadelphia

Ja$ Fairlie.

[97] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Upon receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that the present occupants surrender the buildings taken to improve Canal Street by the 26 August next and that the said buildings be sold at Auction and delivered to the purchasers on the 1 September and be removed from the premises on the 1 May

The Street Commissioner reported Assessments for regulating Hester and Attorney Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector of the former and John Bussing of the latter

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to regulate Cherry Street. Ordered that the same pass and that Ezekiel Bishop Benjamin Thurston, Abraham Van Gelder Junior Solomon Wheeler and John H Sickles be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to regulate part

of Mulberry Street. between Bayard and Hester Streets Ordered that the same pass and that Lewis Ford, Amos Corning, Frederick Eckert, John Remmey and William Ryer be appointed assessors

Ordered that the Note given to Messieurs Dob on their Contract be renewed

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances [98] Numbered from 2616 to 2623 inclusive Ordered that the same pass.

The Comptroller presented his last Account of expenditures for filling in the Collect. Ordered that the same be referred to Mr Miller. Hegeman. Hopkins.

The said Committee reported that they have examined the account and find it correct and that a balance of $2 62$\frac{7}{100}$ remains in the Comptroller['s] hands unexpended.

Ordered that the Committee on the revision of the laws report a new ordinance for the better extinguishment of fires.

Ordered that Alderman Nexsen be repaid the Monies advanced by him for removing property at a late fire.

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board enquire into violations of the Law against racing horses in the Street. and if the present penalty should be deemed insufficient to report an increase thereof,

Ordered that John Merritt be permitted to erect a lime house in the Bowery.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Westervelt and Giles on Contract for Soupe house	.....	$400.
Benjamin Romaine for Collect	.....	1000.
Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	.....	237.16
[99] William Van Wart City Watch	.....	237.16
Magnus Beekman do	.....	217.56
William Peterson do	.....	217.56
Hugh Goble do	.....	158.76
Gad Dumbolton do	.....	158.76
James Otes for Carpenters Work	.....	29.53
Cornelius Warner for Adam Smith Watch	.....	25.
Henry D Tupp for taking care of park	.....	15.
Arbuckle and Stoudinger for Carting timber	.....	12.12
Andrew Leary for Work at pumps	.....	24. 6
Enos Tompkins for Work at Bell Carts	.....	36.
James Fairlie Esqr for paying passage of Mr Hassler	.....	60.
Joseph P Smith allowance for a Well	.....	37.
James Hardie for Services	.....	62.50
John McLaughlin allowance for a Well	.....	36.

[100] In Common Council. July 7 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esq[r] Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder

Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt Junior Abraham King Caleb Pell James Drake	Esquires Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp Gilbert Coutant Samuel M Hopkins Jacob Shute Andrew Morris Joseph Board Adrian Hegeman	Assistants

A Petition of the proprietors in Broad Way and Spring Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Goodwin and others for a Hay Scale at the intersection of the Broad Way and Bowery was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Eighth and Ninth Wards.

On receiving the report of the [101] Watch Committee. Ordered that the suspension of Enoch Earle and William Hammond Watchman of Captain Lawrences Company be confirmed and that the suspension of Stephen Tompkins a Watchman of Captain Dumboltons Company and John Smith a Watchman of Captain Beekmans Company be also confirmed.

A Petition of John Dawson for relief against a penalty for bringing his boat into the new Slip was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

An application of Miss Vaillant respecting a Suit of Colours was referred to the Comptroller.

Returns from Captains Petersons and Beekmans Watch Companies were referred to Watch Committee.

Upon receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that John Chapel have the stand N° 7 and Peter Chapel the stand N° 9 Fly Market.

A Petition of William M[c]Kenney for a Water Grant was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of John Vanderpool respecting an encroachment of John Hyslop was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the second ward

An award of the referees appointed to settle the account of this board and the Manhattan Company for water supplied to the City was referred to the Comptroller.

[102] The Market Committee recommended that Robert Kenah be permitted to sell meat at or near Colonel Rutgers's Store at Rutgers

Slip during the summer and fall Ordered that leave be granted accordingly

A Petition of Archibald Kerly and others praying that the pavement in Water Street between Peck and New Slips may be repaired and that the ordinance for repaving the same be repealed was granted

A Petition of Matthias Flager to be permitted to sell meat by the quarter in the lower part of the Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Report was received from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Society for establishing a free school

Ordered that the same be recommitted and that Alderman Nexsen and Mott be added to the Committee.

John L Cock Grocer was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 30 instead of Cornelius Bunscouten resigned

The Chief Enginer reported that he has been offered $75 for the small Engine formerly used by Company N° 5 Ordered that he be authorized to dispose of it for that sum.

[103] The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for paving Grand Street from the Bowery to Second Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that John Bussing be appointed Collector.

Upon receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that an Ordinance pass for assessing the property taken to widen Leonard Street on the East side of Broad Way.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for paving Cross Street. Ordered that the same pass.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for filling in and regulating Prince Street from Broadway to Mott Street Ordered that the same pass.

A Report of the Counsel of the Board with respect to the rights of M^{r} Varick near the Slip at the foot of Dey Street was referred to the Committee on that subject.

On receiving the report of the Attorney of the Board Ordered that the bond given by John Quackenbos to secure the property taken to continue Leonard Street be delivered up to him.

Resolved that the Comptroller under the direction of the Mayor be requested to negociate a Loan from the Manhattan Company for $20,000 and to give a Corporation Bond or Bonds for the [104] same, and that the interest due the said Company on the Bonds heretofore given be paid out of the dividends on the shares of the Corporation if in his opinion it shall be necessary.

Upon receiving the report of Attorney of the Board Ordered that the sum of $394 $^{6}/_{100}$. being the money of the Estate of Thomas May paid in the City Treasury be paid to John Bedient and Garret H Van Wagenen—they having executed a Bond of indemnity to this board

It being moved to appointed an additional Weigh master the division was called upon That Motion the same was negatived as follows to wit.

	Affirmative	
Alderman	Van Zandt	Mr Hopkins
	King	Morris
	Negative	
Alderman	Mott	Mr Van Antwerp
	Wood	Coutant
	Pell	Shute
	Drake	Board
		Hegeman

[105] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Philip J Arcularius for support of Alms house	$2000.
John H Sickles to pay for marble for the New City Hall	2400.
Loss and Budge for surveying Enkelburgh lots	68.
A Richardson for laying across Delancey Street	24.88
Enos Tompkins for Bell Carts	30.
William P Roome to pay Sweepers	30.50
John Pintard a Quarters salary	312.50
Edward Moran for services	52.
Andrew Otterson for services	52.
Miller and Paxton for Stone Cutters work	29.56
Cracher and Allen for attending to enforce sunday law	54.
William Matthews for bridge near powder house	350.

[106] In Common Council. July 14. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	Assistants
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Andrew Morris	
James Fairlie		Adrian Hegeman	
Jacob Dela Montagnie		John D Miller	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Jacob Shute	
Caleb Pell		Gilbert Coutant	
Thurston Wood		Samuel M Hopkins.	
Elias Nexsen			

A Petition of John Wood relative to his property in Fair Street. and stating that the same is not a Nuisance was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the second Ward.

A Petition of the Medical Society for the use of a room was referred to Alderman Fairlie Mr Van Antwerp and Mr Morris.

[107] Ebenezer L Burling Cabinet maker No 26 Beekman Street was appointed a Fireman No 12 instead of Christopher Mildeberger resigned, George Tait, Grocer of No 32 Old Slip was appointed a Fireman of Hook and Ladder Company No 1 instead of Christopher Duyckinck Junior resigned and Walter Nexsen Merchant of No 174 Front Street was appointed a Fireman of Company No 21 instead of Henry P Havens resigned.

A Communication of the Superintendant of the Alms house stating that he has sent a Small pox patient to the Bellevue Hospital, Ordered that he be permitted to remain there,

A Petition of James Moore praying that the Marshals may be permitted to sell goods before his house was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the third Ward.

Returns from Captain Lawrence and Gobels Watch Companies were referred to the Watch Committee,

Petitions of Isaac Anderson and Charles Thurston to be appointed Assistant to Captain Gobel were referred to the Watch Committee.

Upon receiving the report of the Committee upon the petition of several of the Auctioneers Ordered that so much of the law [108] as prohibits the sale of dry goods and hard ware out of doors be suspended until the first day of May 1807.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred several Complaints against the keeper of the Brooklyn Ferry report that they have assurance from him that the same will be better conducted in future. ordered that such report be accepted.

An application of Henry Kermit for a Water Grant was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Abraham Reynolds and others respecting a privy on Delafields Wharf was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the first Ward with authority to make such order as they may think necessary

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that Henry Brown be appointed a watchman in Captain Dumboltons Company instead of Stephen Tomkins suspended and Abraham Debaun and Richard Dunn instead of Cornelius Cole and John King resigned, and that John Evert. William Hedden. John O Blenis, Josiah Donaldson and Joseph Hawkins be appointed substitutes in Captain Dumboltons Company that Peter Paulding be appointed a Watchman of Captain Petersons Company instead of Hugh McDowl resigned and

that Henry Bird, [109] Jonathan Lownsberry, James Twaddel, and Stephen Hall be appointed Watchmen of the said Company—That Timothy Briggs, John Devere, Stephen Mills, Joseph Butman and John Ackerman be appointed substitutes of Captain Lawrence Company that John Vredenberg and Matthew Conklin be appointed Watchmen in the said Company instead of William Hamman suspended and Barney Wood resigned and that William Ross and John Dusenberry be appointed substitutes in the said Company that Peter Bull and John Webb be appointed Watchman of Captain Beekmans Company instead of Samuel Hyler resigned and John Smith suspended and John Wright. Matthias Roome John Morgan and John Bloomfield be appointed Watchman of the said Company that Alden Hatch, Daniel Lyons, Robert Merritt, Jonathan Green. Henry Tice, Robert Little, Joseph Freeland Noah Silvers, James Gerrard, Jonathan Burwell Daniel Sickels, Gilbert Post and Daniel Knapp be appointed substitutes of the said Company and that Garret Ackerman, Frederick Voorhis Robert Serviss Michael Norris, Henry Fountain Peter Waldron, Henry Peacock, John Wootress Alexander Ward, Laurence Turnere, James Servent James Barr, Cornelius Ryder John Ogden, John Woodruff and Peter Willis be appointed substitutes of Captain Van Warts Company.

[110] Upon receiving the report of the Committee on that subject Ordered that $500 be advanced to Hulsart and Stagg on account of Stanton Street and $500 on account of Arundle Street and that the collectors be directed to make a return of delinquents without delay.*

Robert Robertson was permitted to erect a Vault in John Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Richard Nixon was appointed Stewart of the Alms house instead of Samuel Brewster.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating the upper part of Broad Way Ordered that the same be confirmed and that George Warner Senior Daniel Winship, Jonathan Pinckney, Charles Christian and William Shiver be appointed assessors

James Greatman was appointed an Assessor for Amity Street instead of Peter H Wendover resigned

Upon receiving the report of the Street Commissioner the order for erecting a pier on the West side of Charlotte Slip was renewed

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving Chapel Street between Anthony and Leonard Streets Ordered that the

* Marginal note reads *Arundle Street $500 advanced to Hulsart & Stagg. per Assessrs*—ED.

same pass. And that Lewis Ford, Amos [111] Corning. Frederick Eckert, John Remmey and William Ryer be appointed assessors.

A Report of the Street Commissioner relative to Grand Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth And Eighth Wards.

Resolved that the Watch Committee be authorized to have the Watch house in the second district repaired so as to Accommodate the Watchman and also to have as many New Caps made as are necessary for the additional men and to have as many of the Old Caps painted and Numbered as may be found to want it

Resolved that the superintendant of Public repairs be directed to take immediate measures for raising and pinning the Greenwich market.

*Upon receiving the report of the Road Committee Resolved that a Road of sixty six feet in breadth be immediately opened agreeably to the Survey of Charles Loss from the Hudson River to Harlaem and that the Street Commissioner take order to have the same made passable for carriages of burthen and pleasure. Provided nevertheless that sufficient ground shall be ceded to the board for that purpose free of expence.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances [112] Numbered from 2634 to 2641 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

A Law to amend a Law entitled a Law to regulate the sale of Horses to prevent their running loose in the Streets and to prevent racing in the Streets and highways passed the Board

A communication of the Reverend Mr Milledoler respecting a Water Grant lately made to Mr Benson and assigned to him and requesting that the Grant may be made out in his name was referred to the Comptroller.

The following report of the Committee of finance was received

Canal Street

The finance Committee Report That the sum *sum* of Forty three thousand will become due and payable to sundry persons for the Assessment of Canal Street as follows Viz.

On 26th	Augst	1806	⅓	of	$43,000	is	.....	$14333.33
" "	Novr	"	⅓	"	"	"	.....	14333.33
	Feby	1807	⅓	"	"	"	.....	14333.34
								43000.

* Marginal note reads *Hudson Avenue*.—ED.

Amity Street.	On Oct^{r} 1806 will become due to D^{r} Vansolingen & M^{rs} Duryea for the opening of Amity Street.....	$14,400.
	Amt for which Corporation Bonds have been given sundry payments already advanced by the Corporation for the opening of Broadway	$7021.
		$64,421.

Broadway Advance for opening $7021.

[113] From the above statement it appears that the sum of Fifty seven thousand four hundred dollars, will become due & payable on Corporation Bonds issued for the opening of Canal & Amity Streets between 26th day of August & 26th of Feb^{y} next. And that the sum of Seven thousand & twenty one Dollars have been advanced for the opening of Broad Way. These several sums are again to be raised and refunded to the Corporation from the persons benefitted by the respective arrangements.

The Committee recommend that the proper Officers be and they are hereby ordered to use their utmost exertions in forwarding the several Assessments above. And without delay obtain the reimbursment of the above sums, together with all other Monies due to this Board, which have been advanced for the opening and regulating of Streets.

Orchard Street.

The Committee having seriously taken into consideration the State of the finances, Recommend that the opening of Orchard Street be suspended this season, and that the verdict of the Jury be only confirmed.

Basin at Hudson Market

It is believed inexpedient to proceed this season in erecting a pier and Bason at the Corporation Dock near Hudson Market, as the funds are not adequate to meet this expenditure at present.

Piers at White Hall & Exchange Slips.

And further that the piers between White [114] Hall & Exchange Slips be also suspended untill the proprietors take their respective Grants to South Streets & discharge the back rents on the improvements made in the river to South Street

The Committee further recommend that William J Waldron be requested to Assist the Comptroller in collecting the Monies due this

Corporation, at all such times or intervalls as his other duties to the Street Commissioner will permit.

Abraham King
Jacob Mott
J. D Miller
Ja Drake
Samuel Torbert

Ordered that so much as respects a pier and bason at the Corporation dock be suspended and that the residue of the said report be confirmed.

Upon receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that the Attorney of the board be directed to institute the necessary proceedings to obtain the ground necessary to widen Frankfort Street.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Ithamar Bouker & Co on Acct of their Contract to Build a Bridge near Mr Posts on the middle road		$500.
Peter Dobb and Justist Dearman for sinking two Blocks at the East side of Peck Slip		1000.
[115] Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch		237.16
William Van Wart	Do	237.16
Magnus Beekman	Do	217.56
William Peterson	Do	217.56
Hugh Goble	Do	158.76
Gad Dumbolton	Do	158.76
Benjamin Romaine for Quarter salary		250.
Theo Beekman for Quarter salary as a special Justice		250.
Jacob DelaMontagnie for Quarter salary as a special Justice		250.
Bernard Oblenis for three months services		250.
Gilbert Van Mater for two old houses at Brooklyn ferry		20.
Saml B Waldron for work on the roads		455.81
Beekman M Van Bueren for work on the road		450.27
The Manhattan Bank for interest		2693.33
Mark McCammon for services to superintendant of repairs		28.
Calvin Otis for pumps & wells		133.37
Calvin Otis for County Contingencies		117.44
Andrew Leary for Carpenters		22.68
Cornelius Warner for one Quarters salary		156.50
Elias Nexsen for expenditures at the late fire		8.25
Enos Tompkins for Bell Carts		36.
Ebenezer Bassett for Iron work at ferry St		255.22
Robinson & Curtis for Carriage hire for road Committee		24.
John Mills for Bucketts for Alms house		110.
Henry Watkeys for Candles		9.68
Fanny Van Slaut for working a Colour		150.
Hulsart & Stagg on Acct of Stanton Street		500.
Hulsart & Stagg on Acct of Arundle Street		500.

[116] In Common Council July 21st 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor

Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt Junior Abraham King James Drake Elias Nexsen James Fairlie Caleb Pell	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert Adrian Hegeman Gilbert Coutant Andrew Morris Simon Van Antwerp Jacob Shute John D Miller	Assistants

A Petition of John Baisley for a Butchers Stand was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Several Inhabitants of the Seventh Ward to Complete the West side of the Wharf at Rutgers Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Petition of John B Coles re- [117] pecting building Piers between Whitehall and Exchange Slips was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

Joseph Collins Callings. Carpenter of No 15 Pell Street was appointed a Fireman to Company No 2 instead of Jarvis.

Ordered that the Treasurer and Comptroller be directed to obtain a settlement of the arrearages due upon Water Grants at White hall slip.

A Petition of John Holdron stating that several persons carry passengers to Paules Hook during the races in violation of his ferry right was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Edward Seabury and others for the usual allowance for a pump at the Corner of Hester and third Streets was granted

A representation of several Butchers in the Catherine Market Against the grant of a Stand to Robert Kenah was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Garrit Gilbert and others for the usual allowance for a pump at Cornelia Street (Greenwich) was granted.

Petitions from Joseph Brotherton, John Dunham and Peter Paulding to be appointed Assistant to Captain Peterson were referred to the Watch Committee.

[118] A Petition of Jonathan Lawrence respecting his Assessment in Broome late Bullock Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Upon receiving the report of the Committee on that subject,

Ordered that the Ordinance compelling John Wood to fill in the Vacant Lot N° 79 Fair Street be repealed

*A Petition was received from Daniel Winship, David Marsh, George G. Messerve, John Pell, William Chivvis, William Messerve, Jacob Tier, William Kline, John Perrin, John B Smith, Francis White, Samuel Winship, John Winship and Ebenezer Winship It was moved that the prayer of the said Petition be granted and that the Market Committee be directed to assign Stalls to the Petitioners in the said Market a division being called for upon the said Motion the same was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative			
Alderman	Mott	Mr	Torbert
	Wood		Hegeman
	King		Coutant
	Fairlie		Morris
	Pell	[119]	Van Antwerp
			Miller
Negative			
Alderman	Van Zandt	Alderman	Nexsen
	Drake	[Mr]	Shute

Petitions of Daniel Ensley Junior and William Pullis for Butchers stands were referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Silas Lord and others against permitting the Marshals to hold their sales in Vezey Street was referred to the Committee on that subject.

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for opening Varick Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Geib for praying to be indemnified for extra expences in regulating his fences in Leonard Street reported against the prayer of the said petition Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for regulating Bedlow Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Abraham Stagg appointed Collector.

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner

[120] The Street Commissioner has been applied to by Mr George Codwise Jr to state to the board the propriety of sinking the Bulkhead at Beekman Slip as soon as possible, which will give it time to settle previous to the filling in with earth.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 124 226 236.*—Ed.

Mr Codwise is peculiarly situated in this particular, as he [is] anxious to fill in & improve his premises to inable him to build Stores thereon to let in February next, And he cannot fill up his ground until Mr Schermerhorn fills his—which Mr Schermerhorn will not do until the Bulkhead is sunk as it will be washed into the River

The sum that will in this case be Charged to the Corporation will not be above 8 or 900 dollars. The Dock builders will wait for it until next May, if desired, & without Interest. The Street Commissioner under these circumstances, is of opinion the Bulkhead ought to be sunk without delay.

All which is respectfully submitted

July 21 1806 John S Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported the delinquents in the assessments for Leonard Street. Ordered that a Warrant issue to Compell payment.

[121] On receiving the report of the Watch Committee.

Ordered that Timothy Briggs John Devere, Peter Balin, Stephen Mills, Joseph Beetman, Peter D Germoo and John Vredenburgh be appointed Watchman to Captain Lawrence Company instead of Abraham Day, Barney Wood, William Herbert, Nathaniel Wyant. Enoch Earle Abraham Vooris. and Gideon Fuller and that the suspension of John Ackerman be confirmed

Mr Winthrop was permitted to erect a Vault in Wall Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

The Attorney of the Board reported that he has received from John Quackenbos a deed for the Land taken to widen Leonard Street. Ordered that the Bond of indemnity given by Mr Quackenbos be returned to him to be cancelled.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

No	434	Philip J Arculurius for support of Alms house.....	$3000.
	435	Benjamin Romaine for filling in Collect.....	1000.
	436	Nathaniel Underhill on Acct of Cartage.....	50.
	437	William P Roome for Superintending Streets.....	76.50
		and Sweeping markets.....	76.50
	438	Bartholomew Skaats for ringing Bells on fourth July..	25.50
	439	Enos Tompkins for Bell Carts.....	36 $\frac{1}{100}$
	440	Crane and Hutchins for cleaning markets in the Month of June	33 $\frac{1}{100}$
[122]	441	Peter Clark for Catridges &c 4th July.....	45 $\frac{19}{100}$
	442	A Girard for powder.....	150 $\frac{1}{100}$

No	443	George Limbert & Conrad A Fritz for an Error in the tax Books of the sixth ward	$10.99/100
	444	Daniel Wolsey on Acct of Dock work	300.
	445	Christian Nestle balance of his Acct as Inspector of Bread	51.70
	446	James Horner for repairs of pumps and wells	268.68
	447	J. B & J. Brooks for Lamp work	66.87
	448	William Kay for repairs to pumps & wells	137.

[123] In Common Council July 28th 1806

Present.

Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott Abraham King Caleb Pell Jacob De La Montagnie James Fairlie Elias Nexsen Wynant Van Zandt Junior James Drake	Aldermen	John D Miller Samuel Torbert Andrew Morris Gilbert Coutant Joseph Board Samuel M. Hopkins Adrian Hegeman Simon Van Antwerp Jacob Shute
		Assistants

A Petition of James Scott and others stating the filthy situation of Hudson Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Proposition of Richard Varick to sell the Slip in Dey Street *in Dey Street* was referred to Aldermen Fairlie King and Mr Morris

Isaac Anderson was appointed Assistant to Captain Gobles and Peter Paulding to Captain Petersons Company

[124] A Petition of Nicholas Romaine for a Water Grant was referred to the Committee on Wharfs Slips & Piers

A Report of the Attorney of the Board on the Petition of John Holdron was referred to the Ferry Committee

Proposals of Doctors Hosack. McNeven and Pascalis to attend the Goal and Alms house was referred to Al[d]erman Fairlie, Pell & Mr Torbert

A Petition of William Humphreys for an Office was referred to the Committee on Application for Offices

The following Report was received from the Market Committee

*The Market Committee to whom was referred an arrangement to be made of fourteen Butchers Stalls to be erected in the Fish market Beg leave to report. That they have deliberately Considered the na-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 118. 226 236.*—Ed.

ture of the duty enjoined on them (and with all due deferance to the Judgment of this Board) do give it as their opinion that it wo[d] be improper and unjust to give away these stalls to any Individual whatsoever in as much as an offer has been made for one of those middle Stalls at the rate of 120 Dollars per Annum and numbers of Butchers stand ready to give the same amount Yearly for the remainder of them (and more money if required) they are clearly of an opinion that a considerable revenue may be derived to the Corporation funds by Leassing the said Stalls for 1. 3. 5 or 7 Years to give away these Stalls in the manner Contemplated by the Resolution of last monday will [125] Certainly cause a very great Clamor and discontent by the Citizens (with an exception only of those who are immediately Interested therein) Besides they are further of an Opinion that there is no immediate necessaty of such a measure going into Effect at this time for until the Slip is filled up settled and compleated there will be evidently a want of Room for the Country People bringing into Market their Supplies of every kind. as also a deficiency for the use of the Fishermen's Stalls &c All which is most respectfully submitted.

Ja[s] Drake
Elias Nexsen
Simon Van Antwerp

July 28. 1806.

The following resolution being proposed to the Board to wit. Resolved that the Market Committee be and they are hereby Ordered not to proceed in the execution of the resolution of the Board of the twenty first Instant relative to assigning Stalls in that part of the Fly market called the Fish Market until the further order of this Board. It was moved to amend such resolution by striking out the words " the further Order of this Board, and inserting instead thereof " proper accommodations are made for the Fish market: a question being taken upon the said amendment the same was carried as follows.

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman Mott	Alderman Fairlie
King	Van Zandt
Pell	Drake
De La Montagnie	Nexsen
M[r] Miller	M[r] Hopkins
Torbert	Hegeman
Coutant	Van Antwerp
[126] Board	
Shute	

A question was then taken upon the said resolution as amended and the same was carried as follows to wit

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman DeLa Montagnie	Alderman Mott
Fairlie	King
Nexsen	Pell
Drake	Van Zandt
Mr Morris	Mr Miller
Coutant	Torbert
Board	Hopkins
Hegeman	
Van Antwerp	
Shute.	

Mr Hopkins moved the following Resolution to wit. Resolved that the late Resolution of this Board granting Stalls to Butchers on that part of the Fly Market called the Fish Market be rescinded. Alderman De La Montagnie moved to postpone the Consideration of the same until the next Meeting a question being taken upon the Motion for a postponement the same was negated as follows to wit.

[127] Affirmative	Negative	
Alderman Mott	Alderman King	Mr Miller
Pell	Van Zandt	Torbert
Fairlie	Drake	Coutant
Nexsen		Hopkins
Mr Board		Hegeman
		Shute

The question being taken on the Resolution of Mr Hopkins the same was negatived as follows to wit.

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman Nexsen	Alderman Mott
Van Zandt	King
Drake	Pell
Mr Hopkins	Fairlie
Hegeman	Mr Miller
Shute	Torbert
	Coutant
	Board

Resolved that the Market Committee present to this Board at the next meeting a plan for a Fish Market to be erected at the East end of the present Fish market

Upon reading a report of the Building Committee Ordered that Mr Leamaire be authorized to employ an additional Apprentice in his department in the building of the City Hall

Hector Sinclair was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 8. instead of John Tyson resigned

[128] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance to pave upper Barley and upper Reed Streets Ordered that the same do pass

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for paving Hudson Street from North Moore to Beach Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment list for Delancey Street Ordered that a Warrant Issue to Enforce payment

Upon receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that George G. Messerve be appointed an Assessor for Broadway instead of George Warner who declines serving

An Ordinance to regulate and pave Henry Street passed the Board

The Comptroller reported in favour of Issuing Water Grants to Henry Kermit and M^r^ Mackenney in front of their respective Lots in Greenwich Street Ordered that the same be Confirmed and that Grants be made accordingly

Ordered that Minturn and Champlin be permitted to erect a lime house in Water Street and Theophylact Bache in South Street

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

N° 450	John H. Sickels for Building Committee	.....	$2000.
451	John Anderson & Abraham Hurd on Acct of their Building a Bulkhead at the Fly Market	.....	500.
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N° 452	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	.....	237.16
453	William Van Wart for Do	.....	237.16
454	Magnus Beekman for Do	.....	217.56
455	William Peterson for Do	.....	217.56
456	Hugh Gobel for Do	.....	158.76
457	Gad Dumbolton for Do	.....	158.76
458	Peter Burtsell for Paper &c for the Inspectors Office	....	33. 1
459	Day & Warts for Painting at the Alms house	.....	105.95
460	John M. Riker for Stone	.....	20.37
461	Simon Van Antwerp for Ironmongery	.....	95.58
462	John Moneypenny for Carting Clay Sand &c	.....	130.
463	The Manhattan Company for Water at different places	...	1244.43
464	Joseph Webb for repairing Lamps	.....	2.78
465	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Carts	.....	36.
466	Capt^n^ Lent for Lime	.....	22.50
467	John M^c^Lean for Labor and Flannel	.....	18.46
468	Dikeman & Varian for repairing Pumps	.....	202.50

N° 469	Hugh Smith & C° for Carting Sand to fill in at the Hay Scales at the North River.....	$23.44
470	Peter Burtsell for Stationary for the Street Commissioner	13. 7
471	John S. Hunn one Quarters Salary as Street Commissioner	375.
472	John Kingsbury for Stone at Whitehall.....	82.50
473	Theodorus Bailey for Postage of Petitions &c last Winter	10.50

[130] In Common Council August 4th 1806

Present.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris
Caleb Pell		Jacob Shute
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Samuel Torbert
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp
James Fairlie		Adrian Hegeman
Abraham King		Gilbert Coutant
Thurston Wood		Joseph Board
Elias Nexsen		

A Petition of Thomas Bartow was referred to Alderman Drake. Mr Morris and Mr Hegeman

Petitions of John Hutton and Josiah Brown were referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas Timpson was referred to the Street Commissioner

John Ennis was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 19 instead of John Furman resigned.

A Petition of Bryan Conolly was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward and the Comptroller

A Petition of Abraham Slover for the [131] Appointment of a Measurer of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications for Offices

A Petition of the African Church was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward and the Comptroller

A Report of the Committee on the Application of Divie Bethune for a Water Grant in front of his Land at Greenwich was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Representation of Henry Stanton respecting the upper Brooklyn Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee and the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner reported of an Ordinance for repairing the Sewer in Roosevelt Street. Ordered that the same do pass

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment of Fourth Street Ordered that a Warrant Issue to enforce payment

The Street Commissioner presented returns of the delinquents on the Assessment of Stanton. Pump and Warren Streets and the Bowery. Ordered that Warrants Issue to compel payment

The Street Commissioner presented returns of the delinquents on the Assessments of Crosby. Hudson and Duane Streets. Ordered that Warrants Issue to enforce payment

An Account of James Hogan for paving was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the second Ward and Street Commissioner

Resolved that in future the Officers in the employ [132] and pay of this Board be paid Quarterly and not otherwise

A Representation of Thomas Hiller and Stephen Baker respecting Canal Street was referred to the Committee of Finance

The City Inspector reported that the Contractor for that purpose demands Twenty shillings a day or Seven Dollars and a half per Week to remove the Offals from all the Markets, Ordered that the said Compensation be allowed to him

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2658 to 2665 Inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Watch Committee hear Testimony on Oath respecting the conduct of Captain Gobel

A Report of the Comptroller and City Treasurer was referred to the Committee of Finance

A Petition of Nicholas Romayne was referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the City Treasurer to pay

No	474	Naome Dunbar for a lost fire Bucket	$2.
	475	Montgomery & Saffen for attending Flymarket	34.
	476	John Burger for Coroners fees	144.25
	477	Andrew Otterson for services to Street Commissioner	54.
	478	Edward Moran for services to City Inspector	54.
	479	Hutchings & Crane for cleaning Markets on Sundays	24.
	480	William P. Roome for Sweeping Streets	21.
	481	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Carts	36.
[133]	482	James Hardie for one Months Salary	62.50
	483	Tunis Wortman for half a Quarters Salary	75.
	484	Fosdick & Davis for Glazing Lamps	8.62
	485	William Scott for Carting Dirt to the Collect	10.40
	486	Thurston Wood for Auctioneers fees	231.50
	487	Gilbert Coutant for Carting Dirt in Bowery Lane	12.50

In Common Council August 11th 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott Caleb Pell Elias Nexsen Thurston Wood Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen	Joseph Board Simon Van Antwerp Samuel Torbert Jacob Shute Andrew Morris. Adrian Hegeman Gilbert Coutant

Assistants

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to appoint a person to see the Sunday Law enforced

A Petition to regulate Mulberry Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Francis Cooper was appointed a Fire Warden of the first Ward instead of John T. Duryee removed out of the Ward

[134] Samuel De La Plaine was appointed an Assessor for Amity Street instead of Henry Brevoort resigned

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for paving Beach Street Ordered that the same pass the Board.

James Webb. House Carpenter was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 4 instead of Thomas Tucker resigned. Philip Lockwood Joiner. John Trafferd. Grocer. and William Egbert Grocer were appointed Firemen of the Floating Engine Company Isaac Sherman Mason. William Lockwood Silversmith and Jacob I. Roome Clerk were appointed Firemen of Company N° 16. instead of John R Mesier Daniel B. Brasher and Alexander Wishart resigned and Daniel Burger Junior Blockmaker was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 18 instead of Oliver Cock resigned

A Petition to pave third Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Hibberd respecting a Lease in Chatham Street was referred to the Comptroller

A Copy of the Presentment of the Grand Jury against the Fly Market Slip as a public Nuisance was referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and piers

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for repaving Beaver Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and William J. Waldron appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported Assessments for regulating Rivington and Mulberry Streets. Ordered [135] that the same be confirmed and Abraham Stagg appointed Collector of the first and John Bussing of the latter

The Street Commissioner reported Assessments for regulating Gouverneur and Montgomery Streets and for repaving Roosevelt Street. Ordered that the same be severally confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector

A Petition of John McLean for a Lease of Ground near the Goal was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of William Rutledge respecting a Well at the Corner of Bowery Lane and Spring Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward

Robert Robertson was permitted to erect a Vault in John Street.

A Petition of Samuel Perry to be appointed Apothecary of the Alms house and to receive therefor his Board Washing and Lodging therein without any other Compensation was received and the Consideration thereof postponed

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances Numbered from 2666. to 2268 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

Returns from Captain Lawrence & Beekmans Companies were referred to the Watch Committee

Petitions of William Everitt. Nicholas Boyce and Simon Ackerman was referred to the Market Committee

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

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No 488	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	.....	$237.16
489	William Van Wart for Do	.....	237.16
490	Magnus Beekman for Do	.....	217.56
491	William Peterson for Do	.....	217.56
492	Hugh Gobel for Do	.....	158.76
493	Gad Dumbolton for Do	.....	158.76
494	John McKenzie Keeper of Potters Field for Services	.....	92.
495	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Carts	.....	36.
496	Beekman M. Van Beuren for Work on the Public Roads in the Month of July	.....	341.68
497	Beekman M. Van Beuren for Work at Powder house hill in the Month of July	.....	410.46
498	Abraham Tompkins for Stone at Whitehall Dock	.....	90.
499	DeKlyn & Cunningham for Pine Logs	.....	137.62
500	John Bogert for Dock Stone	.....	32.50
501	Lewis Ford for Work at the Alms house	.....	58.50
502	Lewis Ford for Work at Engine house	.....	55.50
503	Lewis Ford for work at Pumps	.....	18.
504	Andrew Leary for Carpenters Work	.....	24.

In Common Council August 18. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen	[137] Andrew Morris	Assistants
Jacob Mott		Jacob Shute	
Caleb Pell		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Fairlie		John D Miller	
Elias Nexsen		Samuel Torbert	
James Drake		Gilbert Coutant	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Adrian Hegeman	

A Petition of John Marschalk to be appointed a Weighmaster was referred to the Committee on Applications for Offices

A Petition of Garret H. Van Wagenen and others respecting Beekman Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

John Vreelandt was appointed an Assessor for Amity Street instead of Samuel Stilwell resigned

A Petition of Isaac Clason to regulate Pitt Street, Petitions of Abraham Stagg, and, James Smith, A Petition to regulate Columbia Street and a Report respecting sunken Lots in Magazine Street were severally referred to the Street Commissioner

The Assessors and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of John Bachelor stating that he has been improperly Assessed for opening Varick Street reported against the prayer of the said Petition. Ordered that their report be confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for filling in the Sunken Lots in Magazine Street Ordered that the same pass

[138] A Petition of George Schmelzel and others for a Water Grant opposite his property at the North River and Petition of William Hunter for a Grant in Cherry Street. and of Cornelius Dubois for a Grant in Marketfield Street were severally referred to the Comptroller, the Latter Petition in conjunction with the Street Commissioner

Several Petitions were received for the Appointment of Apothecary to the Alms house Ordered that the Consideration thereof be postponed until the next meeting

Petitions of Charles Bird and William Mooney for Butchers Stands were referred to the Market Committee

Returns from Captain Beekman and Van Wart's Watch Companies were referred to the Watch Committee

A Representation of James Dunn respecting an Engine house in Murray Street and a Petition of John Keyser for the removal of an Engine house from his Lot were referred to the Chief Engineer

Ordered that Ninety and One hundred and eighty Days be allowed to Charles Smith late Lessee of the Public Slips and Wharves for the payment of the balance due this Board upon his giving two good and approved promissory Notes with sufficient endorsers payable as aforesaid

Resolved that the Ordinance passed by the Board of 26 May last relative to the improvement of the Waters between Whitehall and Exchange Slips be [139] carried forthwith into effect under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward together with the Street Commissioner and Conformably to the Law of the State in such case made and provided

Ordered that the Comptroller under the direction of the Mayor be authorized to negociate a Loan for Ten thousand Dollars from the Manhattan Bank upon the Conditions formerly agreed upon

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 2669 to 2690 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

A Petition of the Humane Society for the use of a room in the City hall was received and granted Ordered that they be authorised to meet in any Room unoccupied at the time of meeting

The following Committee were appointed to expedite the Collection of the Assessment of Streets to Wit,

Alderman De La Montagnie and Mr Board	of Varick Street
Alderman Wood and Mr Coutant	of Amity Street and Broadway
Alderman Drake and Mr Van Antwerp	of Canal Street

Resolved that the Committee to whom the proposal of Richard Varick was referred be Authorized to confer with him on the subject of permitting the Corporation to erect a pier from the West end of his pier and adjoining the same upon [140] such terms as to the said Committee shall appear reasonable and report the result of such conferrence to the Common Council

William Fairbank Cartman was appointed a Fireman of Company No 27 instead of David J Secor resigned. and Andrew Mathers Grocer of Hook and Ladder Company instead of Abner Wood

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

No 505	Dobbs and Dearman for building Pier at Peck Slip.....	$1500.
506	Dikeman & Varian for repairing Pumps.....	250.

N° 507	Isaac Hadley for Stone	$150.87
508	Edward Martling for Boards	29.62
509	George Youle for Lead leaders for Pumps	540.87
510	Andrew Leary for Carpenters Work	8.25
511	Gosman and McComb for flaging & Curb Stone at the Alms house	12.70
512	Watson & Campbell for Timber Shingles &c	15. 4
513	Josiah Shippey Junr for Attending Observatory	13.
514	Nathaniel Underhill for Carting for the Superintendant of Repairs	239.
515	James Votey for Lumber	591.13
516	Samuel B. Waldron for work on Roads	367.92
517	William P. Roome for sweeping Streets	19.72
518	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Carts	36.
519	James Hogan for paving at Burling Slip	33.44
520	Walter Allen for Dock Work at Charlotte Slip	125.20
521	Daniel Woolsey on Acct for Dock building	350.
522	Jacob Cholwell the Contract for Lamps on Acct	2000.

[141] In Common Council August 25th 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	Assistants
Jacob Mott		Gilbert Coutant	
James Fairlie		Joseph Board	
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Andrew Morris	
Elias Nexsen		Adrian Hegeman	
Caleb Pell		John D. Miller	

Returns from Captain Beekmans Company were referred to the Watch Committee

On receiving reports of the Market Committee Ordered that William Pullis have the stand N° 8 Fly Market and John Baisley the Stand N° 13. Fly market

The Market Committee reported that it would be improper to permit Butchers to sell Meat in the Bowery unless the prevalence of Sickness should here after render it necessary but that as Mr William Kline is willing to surrender his Stand N° 6 Flymarket provided permission to sell Meat near the Two Mile Stone [142] be continued to him it would be proper that his request be acceded to. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

A Petition to extend Crosby Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition for the Alteration of the Ferry Street drain was referred to the Aldermen of the second and fourth Wards and the Street Commissioner

The last Account of the Comptroller for Expenditures towards filling in the Collect was referred to Aldermen Nexsen. Drake and Wood

A Communication was received from Dr McIntosh against the appointment of other Physicians to the Alms house

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for the laying out and regulating Canal Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported Assessments for repaving Front Street and Washington Street from Murray to Barclay Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that John Bussing be appointed to collect the first and Oliver Jaques the latter

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for the regulating of Great Jones Street Ordered that the same be confirmed

Peter Schermerhorn was permitted to erect a Lime house in Cortlandt Street and Leonard Kip to build a Vault in front of his house No 179 Washington Street

[143] The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 2691 to 2699 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner respecting widening Maiden Lane reported that the measure would be too expensive to be adopted by this Board. Ordered that the said Report be confirmed

Alderman Nexsen Mr Van Antwerp and Mr Hegeman were appointed a Committee to report upon the regulations which would be proper for the upper part of the Bowery Lane

A Petition against the Assessment of Canal Street was referred to Mr Board. Mr Coutant and the Street Commissioner

Doctors David Hosack and William James McNiven were appointed Physicians to the Alms house and Doctor Felix Pascalis to the Goal and Bridewell and Richard Seaman resident apothecary to the Alms house. And it was Ordered that the Salary of the present Physician Doctor McIntosh to the Alms house be continued untill the first day of November next. and that his services be required until that period

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay

N° 523.	David King for Anaversary Dinner the fourth of July last..		$514.
524	Charles Van Orden for one Quarters Rent of the Watch house in the fifth Ward.....		25.
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525	William Shatzell for one Quarters Rent for the Justices Court in the Sixth Ward.....		50.
526	Thomas Hazard for one Quarters Salary himself and two Turnkeys		437.50
527	Richard Dusenbury for Boards &c.....		46.75
528	Bartholomew Skaats for one Quarters Salary for himself and Assistant &c.....		122.65
529	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....		237.16
530	William Van Wart for	Do	237.16
531	Magnus Beekman for	Do	217.56
532	William Peterson for	Do	217.56
533	Hugh Gobel for	Do	158.76
534	Gad Dumbolton for	Do	158.76
535	Thomas Riley for underpinning the Market at Greenwich..		59.94
536	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Carts.....		31.
537	William P. Roome for Sweeping Streets.....		65.25
538	John Enever for filling in Lots in Magazine Street.....		118.
539	Derick Amerman for work at the Ferry house at Brooklyn		302.28
540	Abraham Lawson for Dock Stone.....		280.
541	Abraham Tompkins for Dock Stone.....		22.50
542	John Bogert for Dock Stone.....		70.
543	Richard L. D. Groat for work &c at floating Engine.....		118.34
544	William Mathews for Bridge at Powder house.....		400.
545	Benjamin Romaine for Collect.....		1000.
546	John H. Sickles for the Building Committee.....		2000.

[145] In Common Council September 1st 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	John D Miller	Assistants
Jacob Mott		Samuel Torbert	
James Drake		Jacob Shute	
James Fairlie		Simon Van Antwerp	
Abraham King		Andrew Morris	
Elias Nexsen		Joseph Board	

A Petition of Joseph Byrd for a Water Grant at Haerlem was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the ninth Ward and the Comptroller

The Market Committee reported that Stand N° 6. Fly market be given to Nicholas Boyce. Ordered that the said Report be confirmed.

An Application of James Hardie stating that his Circumstances are such as require his Salary to be paid Monthly was received and granted

An Application of Abraham Stagg stating that money is due to him on several Assessments was referred to the Street Commissioner

An Application of Thomas and John Gardner for a Water Grant at Corlaers Hook was [146] referred to the Alderman And Assistant of the Seventh Ward and the Comptroller

An Application of Stephen Gould respecting his lease near the City Hall was referred to the Comptroller

An Application of Colonel Few respecting a Tax on the house occupied by him in Broadway was referred to the Comptroller

A Return of Captain Beekmans Company was referred to the Watch Committee

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment of the expences for regulating the Fly Market Slip and it appearing that some of the Assessors were Considered to be interested. It was Ordered that the same be rejected, that a New Assessment pass and that Henry Ten Brook. Samuel Prince. Garret H. Van Wagenen. John De Peyster and John Hardenbrook Junior be appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for opening Broadway Ordered that the same be confirmed and that Samuel L. Page Junior be appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported delinquents on the Assessment of Hetty Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant Issue to enforce payment

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for paving third Street from Stanton to Rivington Street Ordered that the same pass, and that John Youle. William Hunter. Benjamin Thurston Whitehead Hicks and Ezekiel Bishop be appointed Assessors

[147] Ordered that the Comptroller under the direction of the Mayor be directed to obtain a further Loan of Fifteen Thousand Dollars from the Manhattan Company

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from N° 2700. to 2716 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

Ordered that the Watch Committee report with regard to the Complaint against Captain Goble by the next meeting of the Board

Upon receiving the Report of the Comptroller with respect to the subject of the proposition depending between this Board and Richard Varick relative to his Slip at the foot of Dey Street Ordered that the

Comptroller be authorized to offer him the Sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of ceding his Interest in the same. and to signify to him that the Board will not give a greater price

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for opening Amity Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed. and that Samuel L Page Junior be appointed Collector

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Nº 547	John Meghan for paving at Charlotte Slip	$129. 6
548	John Knapp for Carting	28.
549	Oliver Jaques for the Corporation Proportion of Assessing and Paving Magazine Street	401. 7
550	William Bridges for Sweeping for the Street Commissioner	18.
551	Loss and Bridges for Chair Hire	17.50
[148]		
552	Hugh Culbert for Carting	29.75
553	Elill Reed. E Banker & Cº for balance on their Contract for Road & Bridge near Posts	700.
554	Andrew Otterson for Services up to the 31st of Augt	52.
555	Edward Moran for Services up to the 31st of Augt	52.
556	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Carts	36.
557	Thomas Orange for the Corporation Allowance for a Well in Cornelia Street	18.
558	Abel Hardenbrook for a New Engine Nº 5	650.
559	John DeClew for balance of Account as Inspector of Bread	85.
560	John B and J. B. Brooks for Painting &c	39.24
561	John Harman for Pine Wood	5.58
562	William Kay for Cleaning Wells	214.68
563	James Horner for Cleaning Wells	97.81
564	Nathaniel Underhill for Carting	97.
565	Beekman M. Van Beuren for Work on Public Roads	388.29
566	Beekman M. Van Beuren for expenditures at powder house hill	408.90
567	Philip J Arcularius for the Alms house	2000.
568.	Thomas Dick for Ground in Canal Street	1291.66
569	James Halliday for Ground in Canal Street	250.60
570	James McConachy for Ground in Canal Street	245.60
571	Augustus Lawrence for Ground in Canal Street	270.
572	John Gilman for Ground in Canal Street	2.45

[149] In Common Council September 8th 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott		Samuel Torbert	
Jacob De La Montagnie		Simon Van Antwerp	
Abraham King		Gilbert Coutant	
Caleb Pell	Esquires	Jacob Shute	Assistants
James Drake	Aldermen	Joseph Board	
James Fairlie		John D. Miller	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr			
Elias Nexsen			

A Petition of John Elliot to be appointed Inspector of Wood was referred to the Committee on Applications for Offices

A Petition of Stephen Colver stating that his Patent for using Mud Machines has been infringed in the service of this Board and praying Compensation was referred to Alderman Mott

Permission was granted to John Le Maire to build a Vault in front of his house No 12 Barley Street.

On reading the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that Gold Canfield be suspended as a Watchman [150] of Captain Van Warts Company. That the suspension of James Gerrard as a Watchman of Captain Beekmans Company be confirmed. That the Suspension of Robert Merritt in the said Company be likewise Confirmed. That the suspension of Francis Heyle as a Watchman of Captain Lawrence's Company be confirmed. That the Suspension of Alden Hatch. Thomas Reynolds. John Wright Thomas Silvers and John Webb. Watchmen of Captain Beekmans Company be confirmed That Joseph Freeland. Jonathan Burwell Daniel Sickles. Gilbert Post. Daniel Knapp Robert Little. Jonathan Green and John Tice be appointed Watchmen in Captain Beekman's Company. and that James Hall. Benjamin Conroad John Horn. Jonathan Dennis. John Sopher. George Widdis. Hosea Jones. James Pettit and Asa Carpenter be appointed Substitutes to the said Company

A Petition of Christian Schulz and others for filling in Vacant Lots in fourth Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Returns from Captains Gobels Lawrences and Van Wart's Watch Companies was referred to the Watch Committee

A Statement of Mr Van Hook late Attorney of the Board respecting Suits brought against Comfort Sands was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Charles Smith for an exemption of Interest upon his Bond from the first of May last was referred to the Comptroller

The following Report was received from the [151] Comptroller

To the Hon^ble^ Mayor and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Gent^n^ About twelve years ago I purchased the Lease of a vacant piece of Ground in Chatham Street and Built thereon. that at the Expiration of the Lease the person I bought it from sold his buildings which stood on part of the said Lot and the adjoining one with his right to the new Lease unto Rich^d^ P. Lawrence reserving unto me my Buildings and right to a new Lease on the same Terms which the Hon^ble^ Corporation may grant unto him, but when the new Leases were delivered we found a Clause which prohibits any transfer whatever without leave of your Hon^ble^ Body. I therefore humbly beg Your Honors will be pleased to grant the said Rich^d^ P. Lawrence (who now holds the new Lease for two Lots) leave to give a new Lease for that part which belongs to me—And I having also a Lease of a Lot N° 55. in the same St being a corner Lot, on which is a good Substantial House will also be glad to be allowed the Liberty of parting with a few feet of the said Lot unto my Neighbour Herman Vosburgh as he now has it in possession and has had it many Years. In granting this reasonable Request I shall feel myself gratefully oblig'd

To the Hon^ble^ Mayor and Commonalty of the City of New York

August 6. 1806. John Hibberd

To be presented to Common Council

M^r^ Romaine. Sir Will be glad if you will please to [152] make out a transfer from my Lease to Patrick M^c^Kay for that part which originally belonged to John Hibberd the Boundaries of which will be seen from the old Lease. Subject to a Ground Rent of Thirty pounds P An^m^

March 14^th^ 1806. Richard P. Lawrence

On the within Petition of M^r^ Hibberd the Comptroller begs leave to State that a lease was granted to Richard P. Lawrence on the first of May 1805 for two Lots of Land in Chatham Street. M^r^ Hibberd who sold the property to said Richard P Lawrence previous to the giving of the new Lease had also previously sold a small house which stood on a part of these Lots to Patrick M^c^Kay. and in Order that M^r^ Hibberd can be enabled to fulfill his agreement with M^c^Kay. it is requisite that the board should grant permission to Richard P. Lawrence to Assign this part of one of the said Lots to M^c^Kay for the Term of his Lease The Board are advised to grant this permission to transfer on the Condition that the regular size of the Lot be not broken in upon at the expiration of the present term

And Also that a similar transfer be made in the opposite side of the way in Chatham Street in the Case between said Hibberd and Herman Vosburgh

All which is respectfully Submitted

8th Septr 1806. B. J. Romaine, Comptr

Ordered that the same be Confirmed

A Report of the Comptroller on the Petition [153] of Hannah Dunlevy was referred to the Committee of Finance

The following Report was received from the Comptroller

The Comptroller is under the Necessity of Stating to the Common [Council] that the Balancing of the Corporation Accounts takes place this Month and that it is previously expedient and requisite that the Accounts of the Board of health be adjusted—To effect this object the Finance Committee some considerable time since obtained the adoption of a resolution that the Officers who had the charge of that department should settle with the Comptroller This was not done, and I am informed that this adjustment has since been transferred to a Committee The time when this took place is not known to me—The Committee however have not yet reported—The Sum of Two thousand Dollars was paid by me to John H Sickles by request of the Mayor of the money placed into my hands during the Fever for the immergency of the Building Committees demands for which no Warrant has been Issued. It is necessary that a Warrant Issue for that amount and that the same be delivered to the Treasurer as he has been charged in my Books with the whole of the money borrowed from the Manhattan Bank during that time. Mr Sickles Receipt is herewith presented for that Sum. for which he will Account on Settlement

The mode of paying monies by the Board of health is not known to me. some of these Accounts however do not pass thro the regular Audit of my Office [154] The deviation in this respect took place during the last fever and has in fact been continued to this time

All which is respectfully Submitted.

8th Septr 1806 B. J. Romaine

N. Y.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant Issue Accordingly

Ordered that the Warrant Numbered 508 for $29.62. and Issued in favour of Edward Martling be altered so as to be payable to Henry Bartholf Junior to whom the monies are really coming

The Comptroller presented a list of out standing Debts presented

by Henry Remmey the late Superintendant of Public Scavengers. and recommended Samuel Hutchins to be appointed to collect the same. Resolved that Samuel Hutchins be and he is hereby authorized to collect the said Monies without delay and make a return to the Comptroller of such monies as he may from time to time Collect retaining to his own use the Sum of five per Cent

A Petition to pave Barley Street between Cross and Elm Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner pursuant to an Order of the last Meeting of the Board presented an Ordinance for assessing the expences of regulating Flymarket Slip Ordered that the same pass the Board

The Street Commissioner reported to the Board that his Note to P. & E Dobb for $1021 for [155] the balance on the Piers at Duane Street becomes due tomorrow Ordered that the same be paid and that a Warrant Issue for the said Amount in favour of the Street Commissioner

A Report of the Street Commissioner Stating that George Janeway Esquire has undertaken to enclose and obstruct the passage of a considerable part of Cross Street was referred to the Street Commissioner City Inspector and Attorney of the Board who were Authorized to take proper measures to remove the same

*The Street Commissioner reported that it would be proper to advance the Sum of Five hundred Dollars to Abraham Stagg on his Contract for Hester Street to be deducted from the Assessment when Collected. Ordered that the said Report be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to regulate Mulberry Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed. and that Lewis Ford. Amos Corning. Frederick Eckert. Arthur Smith and William Ryan be appointed Assessors

Ordered that Abraham Bloodgood be appointed an Assessor in the Ordinance for regulating the Fly market Slip instead of John Hardenbrook Junior

Resolved that the Comptroller be Authorized to confer with John Bonsal on what terms he will immediately construct a pier from the end of his present pier and report the result to this Board

[156] Ordered that the resolution approving of the Assessment of Amity Street be rescinded and that the Assessment be recommitted to the same Assessors

* Marginal note reads *Hester Street advance to Abm Stagg $500—to be reimbursed from Assessment.*—ED.

Mr Torbert. Mr Board and Mr Miller were appointed a Committee to confer with the Governors of the Lying Inn Hospital

A Petition for a Pump in Maiden Lane between the Otwego Market and Gold Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward

David Dunham was appointed a Fire Warden of the first Ward insstead of Richard Duryee absent in Europe

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances Numbered from 2717 to 2720 inclusively Ordered that the same do pass

Ordered that the Comptroller and Street Commissioner be Authorized to make a sett off with James Walker between the monies payable by him on the purchase of Lots at Enklenbergh and monies coming to him on the Assessment of Canal Street.

Ordered that it be referred to the City Inspector and Attorney of the Board to Report upon the propriety of passing an Ordinance to prevent the dangers which may arise from the deposit of too great a quantity of Wood in the Yards of Bakeries

Resolved that the Committee of Finance Report whether any and if any what Alterations are necessary in the mode of Settling and passing [157] the Accounts of this Board. and that the[y] report with all Convenient Speed

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

No 573	To Joseph Eldridge for digging a Trench in Village Street..		$126.
574	Benjamin Romaine for Dock building.....		1021.
575	Abel W. Hardenbrook for repairing Lamps &c.....		184.27
576	John Meghan for paving sundry Intersections.....		43.12
577	James Hogan for paving Church Street.....		86.50
578	Beekman M. Van Beuren for Carting Earth in Bowery Lane		120.
579	Enos Tompkins for work with Bell Carts.....		32.
580	William P. Roome for sweeping Streets.....		20.
581	James Hardie for Services in the Month of August.....		62.50
582	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....		237.16
583	William Van Wart for	Do	237.16
584	Magnus Beekman for	Do	217.56
585	William Peterson for	Do	217.56
586	Hugh Gobel for	Do	158.76
587	Gad Dumbolton for	Do	158.76
588	James Cheetham for Printing.....		507.
589	Abraham Stagg & Co on Account of their Contract for regulating Hester Street.....		500.

[158] In Common Council September 22d 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott Caleb Pell James Fairlie James Drake Abraham King Jacob De La Montagnie Thurston Wood Elias Nexsen	Esquires Aldermen	Joseph Board Simon Van Antwerp Gilbert Coutant Samuel M. Hopkins Jacob Shute John D Miller	Assistants

Upon reading the Report of the Watch Committee. Ordered that Peter Valleau. Henry Fetter. Isaac Dusenberry. Jacob Cregier and Abraham Day be appointed Substitutes in Captain Lawrence's Company. That the Suspension of John Woodruff a Substitute of Captain Van Warts Company be confirmed. That the suspension of Robert Little of Captain Beekman's and Cornelius Decker of Captain Lawrence's Company also be confirmed.

A Return from Captain Beekmans Watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

A Memorial of Richard Nixon Stewart of the Alms house that he be permitted to take his Son with him was referred to the Superintendant

[159] A petition to regulate Rynder Street was referred to the Street Commissioner together with the Alderman and Assistant of the ward

A communication of Leonard Bleecker proposing a Cession of the Streets fronting his ground in Green Mercer and Wooster Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition to regulate Suffolk Street was referred to the Street Commissioner and Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

A petition of Isaac Halsey for reimbursement for digging Walnut Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Zeri Smith of the second ward grocer was appointed a fireman of Company N° 13 instead of Abraham Valentine resigned

A petition respecting the regulation of Mulberry Street was referred to the Street Commissioner and Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

A petition for a pump between George and Catharine Streets was granted under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward.

A petition of Thomas Dick that his house be sold and that he be exonerated from the purchase was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A petition of several inhabitants of the fifth ward for a fire Engine was referred to the Chief Engineer

The finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Dunlevy reported that a lease of the premises in dispute ought to be made [160] to Patrick McKay. Ordered that the said report be confirmed and that a lease be made accordingly

The Committee appointed to examine the mud machine recommended to pay Carpenter and Tompkins for building and repairing the old as well as the new machine in full settlement the sum of $509 $^{99}/_{100}$ Ordered that the said report be confirmed, and that a warrant issue.

The Comptroller presented a report of the expenditure of monies for filling in the Collect Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman King. Wood and Mr Coutant

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for regulating Prince Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques be appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported returns of delinquents on the assessments for Spring and Orchard Streets. Ordered that Warrants issue.

A petition of Engine Company No 16 for an increase of members was referred to the Chief Engineer

A petition of Garrit H. Van Wagenen for a water grant was referred to Alderman Mott, Nexsen, and Pell.

A report of the Committee on the claim of George Janeway Esquire to ground required for opening Cross Street was referred to the Counsel of the board.

[161] The Committee to whom was referred the last account of the Comptroller of monies expended for filling in the Collect reported that they have examined the same and find it correct and that the balance of $702 $^{62½}/_{100}$ remains due to him on the same. Ordered that the said report be confirmed and a warrant issue accordingly

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issued Warrts

Nos	590	Benjamin Romaine, balance of collect account.....	$702.62
	591	Benjamin Romaine in advance for filling in collect.....	1000.
	592	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....	237.16
	593	William Van Wart Do	237.16
	594.	Magnus Beekman do	217.56

Issued Warrts

Nos	595	William Peterson for City Watch	$217.56
	596.	Hugh Gobel do	158.76
	597	Gad Dumbolton do	158.76
	598	William P Roome for superintending streets	81.25
	599	Daniel Woolsey for work at Whitehall dock	310.53
	600.	Daniel Taylor for fenders at Whitehall dock	201.
	601	John A Crolius, balance as Inspector of bread	98.37
	602	Benjamin Brower for dock stone	522.50
	603.	Abraham Tompkins do	67.50
	604.	John Bogert do	52.50
	605	Abraham Lawson do	20.
	606	John Strictland do	11.25
	607	James Delanoy do	35.
	608.	John Paul do	22.50
	609	Abraham Lent do	78.75
	610	Lewis Ford—work at ferries	64.50
	611	Lewis Ford—work at markets	35.
	612	Lewis Ford—work at pumps and wells	36.
	613	William Few for a tax paid on state property	34.30
	614	Nathaniel Underhill for carting	34.
	615.	Enos Tompkins for work with bell carts	72.
[162]	616	Edward Meeks for blacksmiths work	396.65
	617	Edward Meeks for blacksmiths work	61.70
	618	Edward Meeks for blacksmiths work	96. 7
	619	Edward Meeks for blacksmiths work	32.
	620	Daniel Woolsey for pinewood	7.91
	621	Cornelius Warner for pinewood	5.33
	622	John Cooper for cedar pipes	9.62
	623	Cotheal and Bailey, for ground rent	20.31
	624	Andrew Leary for carpenters work	34. 3
	625	John Kingsbury for dock stone	27.50
	626	Jacob Acker do	105.
	627	McIntire and Bradford for an Ensign in the affair of Pierce	16.
	628.	Stephen Gould for repairs	17.78
	629.	Benjamin Demilt for winding clocks	50.

[163] In Common Council. September 29. 1806.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott Thurston Wood James Drake James Fairlie Jacob Dela Montagnie Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Gilbert Coutant Joseph Board Simon Van Antwerp Samuel Torbert Jacob Shute Adrian Hegeman John D Miller Samuel M Hopkins Andrew Morris — Assistants

Upon receiving the application of Dr Henry M Van Solingen requesting immediate payment of the Bond due from this board Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to direct a warrant for such sum as can conveniently be spared from the Treasury. and to give a note for the residue payable at 60 days

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of Samuel Wordling a Watchman of Captain Beekmans company be confirmed.

Upon receiving the report of the City Inspector relative to the late fire at Benjamin Bakewell's Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of $200. for the discovery of any of the incendiaries who may have occasioned the same, or been instrumental in any [164] of the late fires to be paid upon the Offender being prosecuted to conviction.

A petition of Jonathan Spader for compensation on account of his house being ruined by the excavation of ground occasioned by digging Mulberry Street was referred to Alderman Drake Mr Torbert and Mr Coutant

A petition of Jeremiah Bennet to be relieved from an assessment for regulating Orange Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ward

A petition of John L Fink for a Butchers stand was referred to the Market Committee

A representation of Dr Pascalis respecting a deceased pauper was referred to Alderman Fairlie. Van Zandt and Dr Torbert

The resignation of Daniel Van Voorhis as one of the City Weighers was received and accepted.

A report of the Street Commissioner relative to the Assessment of the upper part of Broadway was referred to the assessors formerly appointed.

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for building a bulk head at the foot of Gouverneur Street, Ordered that the same be confirmed and Abraham Stagg appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for paving George's Slip. Ordered that it be [165] confirmed and William J Waldron appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported a return of delinquents in the assessments for regulating Orange and Attorney Streets. Ordered that a warrant issue

The Committee to whom that subject was referred reported that they have placed the well and pump near the corner of Maiden lane and William Street Ordered that their report be confirmed and the usual allowance granted.

A petition of Catherine Watson stating her inability to pay her assessment in Canal Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the sixth ward.

A petition of Bailey and Bogert for leave to store hemp at Gouverneurs wharf was rejected

Resolved that the public lamps intended as beacons on the batteries, and at or near the ferries, and on the North and east rivers, be lighted every night and that this board will make a proper allowance to the Contractor therefor.

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred the petition of the Fire Company N° 16. praying an increase of members reported in favour of the same and that their number be increased to twenty four. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2733 to 2753 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrts		
Nos 630	Carpenter and Tompkins for mud machines in full.....	$509.90
631.	Cornelius Warner for a quarters salary.....	156.50
632.	Mark McCammon for services.....	68.
[166]633.	Anthony Smith for contract at Kissing bridge in full.....	200.
634	Joseph Eldridge, work at Village Street.....	163.84
635	Enos Tompkins, work with bell carts.....	34.
636.	Henry M Van Solingen upon his bond.....	4000.

In Common Council, October 6. 1806.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire. Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott		Jacob Shute	
Thurston Wood		Gilbert Coutant	
Caleb Pell		Simon Van Antwerp	
Jacob De la Montagnie	Esquires	Samuel Torbert	Assistants
Abraham King	Aldermen	Samuel M Hopkins	
James Fairlie		Andrew Morris	
James Drake		Joseph Board.	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Adrian Hegeman	

Alderman Nexsen
Van Zandt
Mott
King
Wood
} Were appointed a Committee to examine the Revenue accounts of the Treasurer

[167] Returns from Captains Petersons and Dumboltons watch companies were referred to the Watch Committee

Petitions of William Hedden and John Richardson to be reinstated as watchmen were referred to the Watch Committee

An application of Charles M^{c}Carthy for the payment of an account due from the estate of Mark Hylence was referred to the City Treasurer

The Market Committee recommended that the stand N^{o} 5 Greenwich market be granted to John L. Fink. Ordered that their report be confirmed

A petition for a pump at the corner of Church and Sugar loaf Streets was granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward.

The Superintendant of the Alms house to whom was referred the petition of Richard Nixon praying that his son may be taken with him in the establishment reported that it would be proper to grant the prayer thereof upon his making a Suitable allowance for board. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

A petition of John Devore was referred to the Committee on applications for offices.

A petition of James Steadman to delay the regulation of Streets through his grounds was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Seventh ward and Street Commissioner

A petition from a number of the members of the church in Broome Street for lamps was referred to the lamp Committee with power to grant the same

A petition to regulate and pave Church Street between Leonard and Lispenard Street was [168] referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner reported a return of the delinquents in the assessment for paving Duane Street. Ordered that a Warrant issue

Henry B Roome sailmaker was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 14 instead of Christian Moore resigned and Elisha Valentine grocer was appointed a fireman of Company N° 2 instead of Cornelius Peterson

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance to pave the carriage way in Barley Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Lewis Ford, Amos Corning, Abraham Van Gelder Junior, Solomon Wheeler and Richard Berrian be appointed assessors

The Street commissioner reported an ordinance to raise and repave Oak Street from Roosevelt to James Street, Ordered that the same be confirmed and Samuel Russel, John Brown, John Abeel, Jacob Drake, and Simeon Skellin be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for regulating Broadway from Prince to Great Jones Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and Samuel L Page Junior appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for paving Mulberry Street from Bayard to Hester Street, Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector

[169] The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances, numbered from 2755 to 2763 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

The City Inspector reported that a vacant lot at the corner of Cheapside and Catherine Street is dangerous to passengers and ought to be fenced in Ordered that the same be done at the expence of the board and charged to the proprietors.

On receiving a petition relative to that subject Ordered that the assessment in Canal Street be referred to Alderman Fairlie. Nexsen and M^{r} Morris.

Ordered that the bond to William Batchelor for $650 be paid, but that it be referred to the Street Commissioner first to deduct therefrom the money due by him upon assessments

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed to make out the apportionment of monies for extending Whitehall Slip and to collect the same.

Ordered that the situation of the woman who lately lied in at the Alms house be referred to Alderman Fairlie. Van Zandt and Dr Torbert

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrt Nos			
	637.	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	$237.16
	638.	William Van Wart do	237.16
	639	Magnus Beekman do	217.56
	640.	William Peterson do	217.56
	641	Hugh Gobel Do	158.76
	642	Gad Dumbolton do	160.16
	643.	John Pintard a quarters salary	312.25
[170]	644	Andrew Otterson for services	52.
	645	Edward Moran do	52.
	646.	James Hardie do	62.50
	647	Valentine Bernard—a lost fire bucket	2.
	648	Enos Tomkins work with bell carts	36.
	649	William J Waldron—paving Beaver Street	32.73
	650	John Sharp—for dock timber	400.
	651	John Blauvelt for dock stone	552.50
	652	Tuyle Jacocks for do	340.
	653	John Woolsey do	140.
	654	William Delanoy do	22.50
	655	Sherwood and Mark do	37.50
	656	William P Roome for sweeping streets	18.
	657	Isaac Hadley for stone and cartage	60.
	658	Anthony Sperling for dock fenders	38.25
	659	Enoch Dunn do	32.
	660	James Horner—repairing wells	149.62
	661	Andrew Blank for setting back his house in Brannon Street	250.
	662	John H Sickles, for use of Building Committee	2500.
	663	Philip J Arcularius for support of alms house	4000.
	664.	William Matthews on account of contract for building Bridge at Powder house	500.

[171] In Common Council. October 13. 1806.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott Caleb Pell Thurston Wood. Abraham King James Drake Elias Nexsen James Fairlie Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert Gilbert Coutant Simon Van Antwerp Samuel M Hopkins Joseph Board Andrew Morris John D Miller	Assistants.

A communication of the physicians of the Alms house respecting arrangements in the infirmary was referred to Mr Torbert, Morris and Shute.

A report of the Street Commissioner respecting the regulation of the ground of Isaac Clason, Charles Dickinson and others was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh ward and the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance to regulate Rynders Street, Ordered that the same be confirmed and Lewis Ford. Amos Corning. Frederick Eckert. Arthur Smith and William Ryer be appointed Assessors.

[172] The Street Commissioner presented a report relative to Crosby, Hetty and Delancey Streets Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and assistant of the seventh ward and Street Commissioner

On receiving the reports of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of Moses Cox a Watchman of Captain Lawrences company be confirmed. that the suspension of William Letson a Watchman of Captain Dumboltons company be confirmed. that the suspension of Alexander McKie a Watchman of Captain Petersons company be confirmed. That Benjamin Lawrence. John J Retan. Jacob Hendrickson. Amos S Vuyers. Daniel Lascels William Clark. Cornelius Earl. Benjamin Carr. David Harned and George Ryers be appointed Substitutes of Captain Gobels Company and that Isaac Blauvelt. Jonathan Kelly. Duncan McDonald William Simmons. Thomas Kelly. Thomas Hazard. and Stephen Westervelt be appointed substitutes in Captain Dumboltons company.

Petitions of William P Roome and William Peters for the office of captain of the City watch were referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of William Thomas for a water grant at Corlaers hook

was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the seventh ward and the Comptroller.

The petition of Thomas O'neil for the office [173] of weighmaster was referred to the Committee on applications for offices

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2764 to 2767 inclusive. Ordered that the same pass.

The City Inspector reported that in consequence of the advanced season he has suspended the duties of the bell carts, and desired to know the pleasure of the board. His conduct was approved.

Jacob Acker, Cartman of Water Street was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 28 in the room of Henry Yeomans resigned and James Betts last and heel maker was appointed a fireman of Company N° 8 instead of Richard Speaight resigned

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred a petition of several of the inhabitants of the fifth ward, praying for a fire Engine reported that it would be proper to assign them the Engine now possessed by Company N° 1 when that Company shall be furnished with a larger one. Ordered that the said report be confirmed

A communication of Stephen Colver respecting the infringement of his patent for a mud machine was referred to the Committee on that subject with direction to consult the Counsel of the board.

The Street Commissioner reported the assessment for the drain in Ferry and Gold Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed and David Harriot appointed Collector

Resolved that the request of the humane Society that their soup house may be supplied with Indian [174] meal and potatoes at the expence of said Society by the Commissioners of the Alms house be granted And that the Commissioners open an account with the humane society for that purpose at the same rate the said Commissioners purchase for the Alms house

A petition of Leonard Lispenard and others for a water grant was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

The Comptroller presented the following leases to wit for twenty one years from the 1 may last, for their respective lots, to Abraham Brevoort at the yearly rent of $20. Patrick May $100. John Good $100. Stephen Gould $250 and Benjamin Mott $362.50 Ordered that the same be executed

Ordered that the report of the Watch Committee stating the examination of facts upon the complaint against Captain Gobel be postponed until the next meeting

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issued Warrants			
Nos	665	Jacob Mott Esquire. for balance on account of mud machine	$217.56
	666	Benjamin Romaine for compleating nine tax books and Counterparts	$200.
	667	William Allen for his first and second instalment for sinking a pier near the Exchange Slip	750.
[175]	668	John Eldridge for work at Village Street	103.18
	669	Theophilus Beekman Esquire, a quarters salary as special justice	250.
	670	Jacob Dela Montagnie Esquire do	250.
	671	Bernard Oblenis as Clerk to do	250.
	672	John Anderson for his first and second instalment for sinking a pier near the White hall Slip	1166.66
	673	Enos Tompkins for work with bell carts	36.
	674.	John S Hunn—for a flag and carting	2.50
	675	Matthew Dikeman for repairing pumps	236.56
	676.	Richard Harison Esquire—Six Month salary as Counsel of the board	250.
	677	Beekman M Van Beuren for work on roads	219.26
	678	Beekman M Van Beuren for work at Powder house hill	385. 7
	679	William Batchelor for balance of bond for ground in Varick Street	568.50
	680	Simon Ackerman on account of regulating Crosby Street	150.
	681	James Davis on account of regulating Hetty Street	300.
	682	John Lovett on account of regulating Delancey Street	500.

[176] In Common Council. October 20. 1806.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire, Recorder

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	Assistants
Jacob Dela Montagnie		Jacob Shute	
James Fairlie		Gilbert Coutant	
Caleb Pell		Samuel M Hopkins	
Abraham King		John D Miller	
James Drake.		Joseph Board	
		Andrew Morris	
		Adrian Hegeman	

A petition of William Ellsworth stating his inability to pay a tax was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth ward

An application of Benjamin Aycrigg for a water grant in Greenwich Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Comptroller

An account for costs in the suits against Comfort Sands was referred to the Comptroller

Thomas Cornwall Cabinet maker was appointed a Fireman to company N° 15 instead of Richard Wheeler resigned. William Carmer, Carpenter [177] was appointed a fireman to company N° 15 instead of George Heneger. Andrew Mavérick. Copper plate printer Edward L Schieffelin Druggist, Robert Boldridge, Turner and John King. Carpenter were appointed additional members to Company N° 16. John Jay and Elijah Morris were appointed Firemen to Company N° 17 instead of William Dykes and Matthew Bunce resigned.

Alderman Drake
Mott
Mr Van Antwerp
} Were appointed a committee to examine the last account of the Comptroller for filling Collect.

A petition of Engine Company N° 5 for an increase of members was referred to the Chief Engineer

Alderman Drake
Dela Montagnie
King
} Were appointed a committee upon the claim of George Janeway to a part of the land necessary to open Cross Street.

A petition of Frederick Merchant and others for a pump at the corner of Elm and Magazine Streets was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the sixth ward with power to grant the same.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for repairing the Fly market Slip. Ordered that the same be confirmed and William Nexsen appointed Collector.

Upon receiving the report of the Ferry Committee Ordered that piles be drove in at the Corporation bason in order to protect the ferry boats

A petition of Demarest and Huestis for the payment of a bond was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

Upon receiving a petition from Hulsart and Stagg praying that they be directed how to proceed in the regulation of Stanton and Arundel Street, Ordered that their contract shall at present stop at Mr Stuyvesants fence and that the [178] Collector proceed to collect the monies

A communication was received from Mr Hasler stating that sickness had prevented him from making a Survey of this island pursuant to his engagement, Ordered that the City Inspector inform him that it is too late in the season to commence it at present.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner recommending that Isaac Clason and other proprietors be permitted to regulate Pitt and Columbia Streets at their own expence reported that it would be proper to confirm the same, Ordered that the same be confirmed accordingly

The Committee to whom was referred the assessment of regulating Mulberry Street between Hester and Grand Streets reported in favor of its confirmation Ordered that it be confirmed, and that Abraham Stagg be appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance, for the regulation of Suffolk Street from Broome to Stanton Street, Ordered that the same be passed and that John Youle. William Hunter. Benjamin Thurston. Ezekiel Bishop and Whitehead Hicks be appointed assessors.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered 2769. Ordered that the same pass the board.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for repairing the drain in Roosevelt Street [179] Ordered that the same be confirmed and Samuel L Page junior appointed Collector

Ordered that Adam Thomson and Abel W Hardenbrook be permitted to regulate Mulberry Street opposite to their respective lots provided they do it immediately under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Ordered that Mr Coutant be authorized to assign his lease in Chatham Street

Resolved that the fence at the North west corner of the park be removed on a line with the work shop under the direction of the Alderman and assistant of the ward.

Resolved that the Committee on the fire department report on the expediency of forming hose companies

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts Nos			
683	Nicholas Lawrence City watch		$237.16
684	William Van Wart	do	237.16
685	Magnus Beekman	do	217.56
686	William Peterson	do	217.56
687	Hugh Gobel	Do	158.76
689	Gad Dumbolton	do	158.76
688	William J Waldron—paving Georges Slip		272.53
690	Luke Perciany taking care of mud machine		16.64
691	James Bingham—washing Fly market		32.50
692	John Ferris. Scrubbing markets		30.
693	James Horner, digging a well		40.
694	John S Hunn a quarters salary		375.
695	Benjamin Romaine do		250.
696	John H Sickels for the use of Building Committee		1000.

[180] In Common Council. October 27. 1806.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Thurston Wood		Gilbert Coutant
Jacob Mott		Samuel Torbert
Caleb Pell		Jacob Shute
James Fairlie	Esquires	Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake	Aldermen	Joseph Board
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris
Elias Nexsen		Adrian Hegeman
Abraham King		John D Miller
Jacob De la Montagnie		

Assistants

A petition of Anthony Smith to purchase a gore of land near his house was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ninth ward and the Comptroller.

The City Inspector to whom was referred the application of George Lewis administrator of James Lewis, requesting that monies of the estate of Thomas Smith in the hands of the City Treasurer may be applied towards the payment of a debt due from the estate of the said Thomas Smith to that of his intestate reported that the balance of $84 17/100 was remaining in his hands which was carried to the credit of the City and County of New York and remains unclaimed by any other Creditor Ordered that such balance be paid to the said George Lewis

[181] A petition of Thomas Ten Eyck for a water grant was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the first ward and the Comptroller.

A petition of Anthony Jones requesting compensation for being obliged to pull down his house in Thomson Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

A petition of David Grim and others complaining of the assessment of Gold Frankford. Jacob and Ferry Street was referred to the Aldermen and assistants of the second and fourth wards and Street Commissioner

Thomas O Neil was appointed a Weighmaster instead of Daniel Van Voorhis resigned.

An application of John McLean for the lease of a lot of ground near the gaol was referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of Samuel Sears stating his inability at present to pay his assessment in Canal Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner

John Dowdish Carpenter and John Gilmore Carpenter were ap-

pointed Firemen to Company N° 30 instead of Isaiah Pittman and John Fisher

An application from Messieurs Stagg and Hulsart stating that they have nearly completed the regulation of Stanton Street and requesting that the collector be directed to obtain the monies and that they be paid for the work performed was received and granted Ordered that the Collector proceed accordingly

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2769 to 2777 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass.

Upon receiving a report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that he be authorized to convene a meeting [182] of the proprietors in Spring Street to assist him in ascertaining its true line

The Street Commissioner reported that the Jury impanelled in the case of widening Jay Street from Greenwich to Washington Street have awarded $5500 to be paid to the heirs of Frederick Rhinelander.

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for regulating Cherry Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Samuel L Page appointed Collector

The Committee to whom was referred the last account of the Comptroller for filling the Collect reported the same to be correct and the balance of $167.37 due to him. Ordered that the same be confirmed and a warrant issue.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts			
Nos	696	Jacob Mott Esquire for cellar in Grand Street market.....	$300.
	697	John H Sickles for use of Building Committee.....	1000.
	698	George Lewis pursuant to order of this day.....	84.17
	699	Lathrop and Kelly. balance on road at Kissing bridge.....	100.
	700	Benjamin Romaine. for filling Collect.....	1000.
	701	Charles Morris carpenters work at alms house.....	32.31
	702	Peter and Elias Dob for corporation part of pier at Pecks Slip	1516.66
	703	William P Roome superintending Streets.....	56.
	704	John Hooghland for Watch Caps.....	150.
	705	Peter Burtsell, stationary for Inspectors office.....	47.15
	706	Abraham Stagg for corporations proportion of assessment at Governeur Bason.....	654.50
	707	Ebenezer Bassett for iron work at the drain in Roosevelt Street	115.12
	708	Samuel B Waldron for work at roads.....	747. 5
[183]	709	Benjamin Romaine for balance of Collect account.....	167.36

Nos	710	John Wooley for dock stone	$70.
	711.	Abraham Lawson do	200.
	712	Humphrey Wood do	140.
	713	John Paul do	382.50
	714	Abraham Tompkins do	22.50
	715	Charles A W. McPherson for masons work at alms house	61.82
	716	Lewis Ford. for carpenters work	143.12
	717	Andrew Leary do	38.50

In Common Council. November 3, 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire—Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	Assistants
Thurston Wood		Jacob Shute	
Abraham King		Joseph Board	
Jacob De la Montagnie		Samuel M Hopkins	
James Fairlie		John D Miller	
Caleb Pell		Andrew Morris	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Gilbert Coutant	
Elias Nexsen			

A petition of Eldad Holmes and others respecting the situation of Oak Street between James and Roosevelt Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of John Sigison for payment of a [184] claim against the estate of Ann Witchen was referred to the City Treasurer

A petition of James Holliday and others to be exempted for the payment of rent for that part of ground which has been taken to make Canal Street was referred to the Committee on that subject

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Kinder and Bakewell for Compensation for ground taken to regulate Cheeseman and Steuben Street reported that it would be proper to appoint a person to confer with them Ordered that the Comptroller be appointed accordingly

A petition of Samuel Alburtis praying that the line of Grand Street may be fixed was referred to the Street Commissioner

Isaac Sherwood, Currier and Thomas Bryan Cabinet maker were appointed Firemen of Company No 7 instead of John Mason and James Quackenbos resigned

An account of Potts and Moore for carting dirt into the Bowery lane was referred to the Committee on that Street

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Grim and others respecting the assessment for the drain in Gold, Frankford, Jacob and Ferry Streets reported that an error existed in the assessment by the Surveyors transposing two names which caused one charge for a cellar improperly and that the assessors have now altered the assessment in such a manner as in the opinion of the Committee is just.

[185] The Street Commissioner obtained permission to apply to the Secretary of State for a plan of Delanceys ground

The Street Commissioner reported assessments for paving Grand Street from the Bowery to Elizabeth Street, Washington, from Partition to Vesey Street, and Beach, from Greenwich Street to Hudsons Square Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector of the two first and Samuel L Page Junior of the latter

The Street Commissioner reported the delinquents on the assessments for repaving Division Street from Orchard to Essex Street, Spring Street, from Broadway to Bowery Grand Street from Broadway to Rynders Street, and Grand Street from Bowery lane to Second Street. Ordered that warrants issue

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Corporation revenue reported that there has been received of Amerman and Brown for boats £486:1:9, from R Kennedy for land sold £607:7 from Corporation revenue £28464:12:1¾ which several sums with the balance of £609:7:2¾ due the last settlement makes £30167:8:1½, that there has been paid out by orders from Common Council £33683:6 which leaves a balance of £3515:17:10½ in favour of the City Treasurer

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2775 to 2781 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass

Resolved that whenever permission shall be given for the erection of lime houses in any Street the same permission shall not be considered as extending for a time longer than the building for the use of which such lime house is erected, is roofed.

Resolved that Thompson Street be made to run parallel to Broadway from where it now crosses [186] Spring Street and immediately easterly of a foundation laid by John Stevens at the corner of Spring Street, and that the intermediate streets between Thompson Street and Broadway be surveyed parallel thereto and in such a manner as to

cause the deficiency of ground if any to be divided between the several blocks as equally as possible

Ordered that the following persons be appointed Inspectors of the ensuing election for Charter Officers and the polls directed to be held at the places hereafter mentioned. to wit.

First ward { James W Lent, Nathan Sanford, John Remsen.

Poll to be held at the City hall

Second ward { John Clendining, John Depeyster, William W. Ludlow

At the North church

Third ward { William Few, Garrit Gilbert, George Stanton

At Thurston Woods auction room in Vezey Street.

Fourth ward { Samuel Russel, Gabriel Havens, James Tylee

At Pearsons tavern, William Street.

[187] Fifth ward { John Bingham, Cornelius Crygier, James Davidson

At Mooneys tavern. Thomas Street

Sixth ward { Richard L Walker, John Caldwell, James J Myers

At Trowbridges tavern. Bulls head.

Seventh ward { Abraham Dally, George Buckmaster, William Weeks.

At Daniel Tiers. Bowery lane.

Eighth ward { Henry Brevoort, David Marsh, Joseph Watkins

At John Thompsons. Broadway. late the Washington inn

Ninth ward { John L Norton, Jacobus Dyckman, Joseph Mott

At William Betts formerly the Dove tavern

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts			
Nos	718	Tunis Wortman a quarters salary due first instant.....	$150.
	719	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....	237.16
	720	William Van Wart Do	237.16
	721	Magnus Beekman do	217.56
	722	William Peterson do	217.56
	723	Hugh Gobel do	158.76
	724	Gad Dumbolton do	158.76
	725	John Pintard, for making Jury lists.....	51.
	726.	Lewis and Decker for Dock stone.....	17.50
[188]	727	Abraham Tompkins for Dock stone.....	20.
	728.	John S Hunn, for assessment on John Lawrence and Rufus King for widening Leonard Street on the east side of Broadway	342.83
	729	Hooghland and Onderdonk for powder.....	10. 6
	730	Joseph Elldridge—work at Village Street.....	125.69
	731	James Hogan—repairs at Fly market.....	110.16
	732	William P Roome—Sweeping Streets.....	46.
	733	William Shatzel, rent of Court room.....	50.
	734.	Edward Watkeys, for candles.....	10.21
	735	John Ferris—Scrubbing markets.....	3.
	736.	John Burger—Coroners fees.....	98.50
	737	Edward Moran for services.....	54.
	738	Andrew Otterson do	54.
	739	James Hardie do	62.50
	740	John Hooghland, balance on watch caps.....	5.50
	741.	Philip J Arcularius for support of Alms house.....	3000.

[189] In Common Council. November 10. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire, Mayor

Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert
Jacob Mott		Jacob Shute
Jacob Dela Montagnie		Gilbert Coutant
Caleb Pell		Adrian Hegeman
Elias Nexsen		Simon Van Antwerp
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		John D Miller
		Andrew Morris
		Samuel M Hopkins

Assistants

Nicholas Carmer was appointed an Inspector of the ensuing election for Charter Officers in the third ward. John Slidell in the first ward, and Roswell Graves in the Second ward, the first instead of George Stanton resigned. The second instead of John Remsen resigned, and the latter instead of John Clendining resigned

A petition of Richard Varian and others for side steps to be made in Catherine Market was referred to the Market Committee.

Petitions of William Gardner and of Abraham Brevoort for leave to assign their leases were referred to the Comptroller.

A petition to regulate Pitt Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the sixth ward and the Street Commissioner.

[190] A petition of Richard Earl who was wounded while in service as a watchman praying compensation was referred to the Watch Committee

A Law for preventing and Extinguishing Fires and to regulate the keeping and transportation of Gun powder, in the City of New York, was passed

A report from the City Treasurer on the petition of Charles McCarthy was received stating that the balance of $4 $^{5}/_{100}$ was in the Treasury belonging to the estate of Mark Hyland. Ordered that it be referred to the Attorney of the board.

The petition of Henry Lovell praying that this board will purchase, his stall N° 64. Fly market was referred to the Market Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment of Amity Street and the same being incorrect was recommitted to the Assessors.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2782 to 2785 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issued Warrants

Nos	742	John S Hunn—Stone for Whitehall dock	$150.
	743	Josiah Shippey junior attending observatory	13.
	744	Estate of Moses Archer, instalments on bond	855.63
	745	Nicholas Carmer, putting up Street boards	5.
	746	Gosman and McComb, for dirt in collect	54.80
	747	Gosman and McComb, paving intersections	70.70
	748	Richard Burchan—for lists of passengers	50.
	749	John McKinzie, as keeper of Potters field	92.
[191]	750	James Horner, digging a Well in Henry Street	40.
	751	Jacob Cholwell on account of his contract for lamps	2000.
	752	Bartholomew Skaats—to purchase fuel	100.

In Common Council, November 12. 1806.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire. Mayor.
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Caleb Pell	Esquires Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants.
Jacob De la Montagnie		Samuel M Hopkins	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Samuel Torbert	
Elias Nexsen		Jacob Shute	
James Fairlie		Andrew Morris	
		Gilbert Coutant	
		Joseph Board	

Isaac Sebring was appointed an Inspector of the ensuing Charter election in the first ward instead of John Slidell resigned and Joseph Strong in the third ward instead of Nicholas Carmer resigned.

Alderman Drake, Nexsen, Pell, Mr Hegeman, Hopkins. — Were appointed a Committee of arrangement for the celebration of the 25 November.

Ordered that the usual quantity of powder be furnished to the military.

[192] In Common Council, November 17. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	Assistants
James Drake		Joseph Board	
Jacob De la Montagnie		Simon Van Antwerp	
Abraham King		Andrew Morris	
Caleb Pell		Jacob Shute	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Samuel M Hopkins	
Elias Nexsen		John D Miller	
James Fairlie			

William Molinaer was appointed an Inspector of election in the ninth ward instead of John L Norton resigned and Jacob Cholwell in the fourth ward instead of Gabriel Havens absent

Petitions of Robert Thomson and others against the assessment in Amity Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth ward and Street Commissioner

A petition of Elnathan Underhill for a Butchers stand N° 64 Fly market, and a petition of Matthias Tier for stand N° 5 Catherine Market was referred to the Market Committee.

[193] A petition of William Simmons and others against the assessment at the Fly market was referred to the Alderman and

Assistant of the Second ward and the Street Commissioner. Resolved that the collection be postponed until the said Committee report.

John Stewart N° 16 Broad Street was appointed a fireman of Company N° 3 instead of Thomas Lowndes resigned. Harman Tremper. Blacksmith of Company N° 22 instead of William Clark resigned. John Van Benthuysen. Cooper of Company N° 22 instead of Thomas Egenton resigned. John Gilmore of Company N° 30 instead of Elijah Knapp resigned, Thomas L Rich, Taylor, John Striker, Tallow Chandler, Isaac M°Combs, Mason, Henry Poulis, Carpenter, Daniel Craig, Carpenter, John Disbrow, Taylor, David D Bush, Carpenter, Aaron Westervelt, Carpenter, and William Hilliard, Carpenter, of the new Engine left to the charge of Company N° 1

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that the suspension of Gilbert Post a Watchman of Captain Beekmans Company be confirmed.

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that a gratuity of $30 be allowed to Richard Earl a Watchman who was injured while on duty

Messieurs Morris, Shute, Miller } Were appointed a committee to examine the Comptrollers last account for filling in the Collect

The following section was added to the law for regulating the lying of vessels at the public slips

[194] Section 3. And be it further Ordained that no Sloop, Schooner, boat, or other Vessel, or small craft whatsoever shall be in any of the aforesaid slips a longer time than for the convenient loading and unloading which shall be determined by the Mayor, Recorder or the Alderman or Assistant of the ward, or the Lessee of the public wharves and slips. who may at their discretion order and direct the removal of any vessel out of any of the slips aforesaid nor shall any vessel lie in the entrance of any of the aforesaid slips at any time so as to shut up the same or incommode any other sloop schooner boat or other vessel or small craft from coming into, or going out of the same under the penalty of Ten Dollars for every tide.

And be it further Ordained that the third section of the law entitled a law to regulate the lying of vessels at the public wharves and in the slips, and to establish the rates of wharfage be and the same is hereby repealed

Ordered that the same be confirmed and an hundred hand bills printed.

The Road Committee recommended that $500 be advanced to

Abraham Boukee and $300 to William Matthews upon their respective contracts, Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[195] The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Church Street, from Leonard Street to Lispenard Street, reported an ordinance to regulate the same Ordered that such ordinance do pass.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Pitt Street between Hester and Grand Streets reported that it would be proper to regulate the same and that the Street Commissioner obtain a profile and report an Ordinance without delay. Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Hulsart and Stagg reported that it would be proper to advance them $500 upon account of their contract for regulating Spring Street.*

Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2786 to 2824 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

The Chief Engineer reported that it would be proper to add six additional members to Company N° 5. Ordered that the said report be confirmed

A return was received of the delinquents in Rivington Street, Ordered that a warrant issue

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner together with an ordinance for regulating Rynder Street from Grand to Broome Street, reported that such ordinance ought to pass. Ordered that it pass accordingly and that Lewis Ford. Amos Corning. Frederick Eckert. Arthur Smith and William Ryer be appointed assessors

M^r^ Hopkins presented the following [196] resolution. to wit,

Resolved that the Comptroller lay before the board at the next meeting a complete statement of the accounts of M^r^ James Cheetham for printing and all other charges so far as the same have been settled, and also a particular statement of all work not yet paid for, on account of which said Cheetham has or may hereafter have demands upon this board, and that said statement include work unfinished as well as finished for which bills have not been rendered

The following substitute was moved and a division taken thereupon

* Marginal note reads *Hulsart & Stagg $500. advanced to on Acct of Spring St*—ED.

Resolved that the Comptroller lay before this board at their next meeting a complete statement of all accounts audited and paid for printing by and on behalf of this board for the last Seven years.

The said substitute passed as follows, to wit,

Affirmative

Alderman	Mott	Mr	Torbert
	Drake		Board
	Dela Montagnie		Van Antwerp
	King		Shute
	Pell		Miller
	Nexsen		
	Fairlie		

[197] Negative

Alderman	Van Zandt	Mr	Hopkins
			Morris.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issued Warrts

Nos	754	Richard Earl for injury received as a Watchman	$30.
	755	William Matthews, on contract for bridge in Middle road	300.
	756	Abraham Bouker on contract for bridge at Manhattan avenue	500.
	757	Hulsart and Stagg on their contract for Spring Street	500.
	758	Benjamin Romaine for filling collect	1000.
	759	Thomas Hazard a quarters salary for himself and assistants	437.50
	760	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	237.16
	761	William Van Wart Do	237.16
	762	Magnus Beekman do	217.56
	763	William Peterson do	217.56
	764	Hugh Gobel do	158.76
	765	Gad Dumbolton do	158.76
	766.	John Cozine and Peter Myers assessing ninth ward	40.
	767	Peter Bonnet and Willet Coles, assessing fourth ward	80.
	768	Samuel Delaplaine and Christopher Beakly..do 8 ward	110.
	769	Jacob Morrell and John Youle.....do 7 ward	147.
	770	Amos Corning and Frederick Eckert.....do 5 ward	115.
	771	Van Kleeck and Dickison.....do 3 ward	72.50
	772	John Griffith and John Ellis.....do 2 ward	75.
	773.	Joshua Jones and Jacob J Lansing.....do 1 ward	82.
	774.	S Gould for Stationary	30.17
	775.	Wandle Van Antwerp for lime at Greenwich Market	9.50
	776	Charles Van Orden—a quarters rent of room for watch	25.
	777	Proprietors of Daily advertiser, subscription and printing	40.50
	778	Crane and Hutchins cleaning markets	191.
	779	Abraham Tompkins—dock stone at Whitehall	22.50
	780	John Woolsey do	175.
	781	Nathaniel Underhill for carting	50.

Issued Warrts

Nos	782	William Kay, repairing wells	$184. 6
	783	James Horner do	15.56
	784	Lewis Ford for carpenters work	129.75
	785.	John Moneypenny for carting	125.

[198] In Common Council, November 24. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire, Mayor
Pierre c Van Wyck Esquire Recorder.

James Drake Jacob Mott Wynant Van Zandt Junior Jacob Dela Montagnie Thurston Wood Caleb Pell Elias Nexsen James Fairlie Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Shute Simon Van Antwerp Samuel M Hopkins Joseph Board Samuel Torbert Adrian Hegeman. Andrew Morris John D Miller.	Assistants

Freemen.
John Hatfield
James Drake
Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert
Samuel Cowdrey
and Joseph Board

appeared before the Mayor and Aldermen and took the Oath as Freemen of the City of New York

John Edsall grocer was appointed a fireman of Company No 23 instead of Simon Cruger resigned Daniel Hawkhurst Merchant was appointed a Fireman of Company No 4 instead of Thomas L. Rich resigned and James Shearman Carpenter was appointed a fireman of Company No 8 instead of Jacob Fought resigned

On receiving the report of the Market Committee Ordered that stand No 5 Catherine market be assigned to Matthias Tier

The Mayor informed the board that he has appointed Robert Morris, Inspector of the ensuing election in the first ward instead of Isaac Sebring resigned, there not being sufficient time to [199] convene the board to make the appointment.

A petition of Ebenezer Backus for leave to sell goods at auction, at the new slip, was received and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the fourth ward.

The said Committee reported that it would be proper to grant such liberty until the first day of May next Ordered that the same be confirmed

A petition of Samuel Jones and others respecting the regulation of Great Jones Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Henry Luthausen and others against the assessment of the Ferry Street drain was referred to the Street Commissioner and Attorney of the board

Hugh Gobel resigned his appointment as a Captain of the City witch. Ordered that such resignation be accepted

The board proceeded to ballot for a successor Charles Van Orden having the greatest number of votes was accordingly appointed.

The Superintendant of the Alms house, communicated to the board, the decease of the purveyor Mr Elijah Cock.

The following report was received upon the petition of Nicholas Romaine to wit.

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Romaine, dated 28 July 1806, beg leave to report.

First, that it appears from the minutes of the board of 30 August 1801, that the said Nicholas Romaine had complied with all the regulations of the Corporation, and that nothing more remained to be required of him [200] on that subject, and that from a report signed J Bogart, entered on the minutes, it was the opinion of the Reporter, that a grant be made to the said Nicholas Romayne for the part of his land from high to low water mark, on such terms and conditions, as is customary in that part of the City—The consideration of this report was postponed, until Mr Strong was appointed Comptroller. then on the 29 November 1802, the then Comptroller Mr Strong to whom it was referred to fill up the blanks for granting water lots to Nicholas Romayne, with the proper sums, intimated to the board, that it would be proper to charge an annual quit rent and no other consideration, and it was thereupon ordered, that the water lots from high to low water mark which extends to Front Street be granted to Nicholas Romayne he paying 40 cents per foot along his whole front for ever and that in case the said front be made a slip he the said Nicholas Romaine relinquish the right of wharfage, it is presumed that as usual the Corporation in that case would pay the expence of front Street.

Secondly it appears that the facts stated in the said petition (and herewith presented) are well founded, that the petitioner is subject to inconvenience from sundry resolutions, which would prevent the necessity of the considerations of the report made by Alderman Bogert respecting reserving this front for a Slip. There is now a

large [201] and extensive slip made and reserved adjoining and east of the land of the said Nicholas Romayne. Therefore the Street Commissioner and Comptroller recommend that the grant to front Street be made to the said Nicholas Romayne upon the present established price of quit rent from high to low water mark which is fifty cents per foot per annum and that he have the right of wharfage in front in the stead of the forty cents per foot recommended to be paid by former reports.

New York 24 November 1806.

Benjamin Romaine
John S Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner reported returns of the delinquents in the assessments for Bullock Street from the Bowery to Broadway and Mulberry Street from Broome to Prince Streets, Ordered that warrants issue.

The Petition of Henry Rutgers for leave to lead water from a pump at the corner of Bedlow and Jefferson Streets to the East River was received and the prayer thereof granted he to pay the expences of paving

The Street Commissioner recommended that the ground necessary to be taken to improve Magazine Street be valued by arbitrators chosen on the part of this board, and of the proprietors, Ordered that the same be confirmed and Anthony Steenback appointed in behalf of the board*

A report of the Street Commissioner respecting the repaving of Roosevelt Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the fourth ward

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2825 to 2842 inclusive. Ordered that the same do pass.

[202] The City Inspector reported a list of the Engineers. Firewardens and Firemen Ordered that the same be published†

A petition of Benjamin Romaine respecting his grant at the Commons was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the ninth ward.

Ordered that Abraham Brevoort and William Gardner have liberty to assign their respective leases.

The Comptroller presented the last quarterly account of the Superintendant of the Alms house together with a report thereon that he has

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 429.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 232.*—ED.

examined the same and finds it correct and that the balance of $1231.43/100 is due to the Superintendant Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a warrant issue for such balance

The Comptroller presented the accounts of the late board of health with a report that he has examined the same and finds it correct Ordered that the said account be filed.

The Comptroller presented an account of the monies advanced by him during the fever of 1805 Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Van Zandt, Nexsen and Pell

On receiving the report of the Watch Committee Ordered that George Widdes. Jonathan Dennis. John Horn. Samuel Hall. Hosea Jones. Asa Carpenter and John Sopher [203] be appointed Watchmen and that Peter Waldron, John Striker, Sellick Waterbury, Azel Conklin and Abner Shabboth be appointed Substitutes in Captain Beekmans company

The Comptroller presented the water grants, formerly Ordered to Henry Rutgers and Abraham Cannon Ordered that the same be executed under the seal of the board.

The Comptroller presented the Water grant, Ordered to be made to himself by a resolution of the board

Mr Hopkins moved the following resolution

Resolved that a case be made and stated for the opinion of the Counsel of the board stating the situation and duties of Mr Benjamin Romaine Comptroller of this City, also the facts in relation to the grant made to him in front of the ground of Trinity Church and stating also whether or not the Corporation of Trinity Church have refused to accept the same, and the time when and the consideration for which the same was made or ordered, and thereupon requesting his opinion whether in equity this board is compellable to make the same.

A division being called and taken upon the said resolution the same was negatived as follows to wit.

Affirmative	
Alderman Van Zandt	Mr Hopkins
	Morris
Negative	
The Recorder	[204] Mr Shute
Alderman Mott	Van Antwerp
De la Montagnie	Torbert
Wood	Hegeman
Pell	Miller
Nexsen	
Fairlie	
King	

A motion was made that the said grant be executed the same was carried in the affirmative as follows, to wit

Affirmative.

The Recorder		Mr	Shute
Alderman	Mott		Van Antwerp
	Dela Montagnie		Torbert
	Wood		Hegeman
	Pell		Miller
	Nexsen		
	Fairlie		
	King		

Negative

Alderman	Van Zandt	Mr	Hopkins
			Morris

The Recorder moved the following resolution Resolved that the opinion of the Counsel of this board be requested whether the grants made to Richard Varick and Joshua Barker, and to others while members of the board and the grant lately made to Benjamin Romaine while Comptroller be valid

A division being taken thereupon the same passed in the affirmative as follows.

[205] Affirmative

The Recorder		Mr	Van Antwerp
Alderman	Mott		Hopkins
	Van Zandt		Torbert
	De la Montagnie		Morris.
	Wood		
	Pell		
	Nexsen		
	King		

Negative

Alderman	Fairlie	Mr	Hegeman
	Shute		Miller

The Clerk presented the returns of the late election for Charter officers by which it appears that the following members and officers are duly elected to wit.

First ward.	Wynant Van Zandt Junior Esquire.	Alderman
	Andrew Morris.	Assistant.
	Peter Mesier, John Jacob Lansing	Assessors
	Cornelius Wynkoop.	Collector
	John Farrington, James W Green	Constables

Second ward.	Selah Strong Esquire. Alderman
	John W Mulligan Assistant
	John Thompson, Harry Peters } Assessors
	Gilliam Cornell Collector
	David Saffen, Henry Marsh } Constables
[206] Third ward.	Jacob Le Roy Esquire. Alderman
	Benjamin Haight Assistant
	John Striker Collector
	Charles Dickinson, Thomas Taylor } Assessors
	Thomas Martin, David Townley } Constables
Fourth ward.	John P Ritter Esquire, Alderman
	Robert Bogardus. Assistant
	Garrit B Abeel, Daniel M Hitchcock } Assessors
	David Harriot Collector
	James Crooker, John Wark } Constables
Fifth ward.	Roger Strong Esquire, Alderman
	Thomas Demarest. Assistant
	Amos Corning, John Morse Junior } Assessors
	William Varian Collector
	George G. Doremus, Abraham Collard } Constables
Sixth ward.	John D Miller Esquire Alderman
	Stephen Ludlam Assistant
	Henry Ackerman, Alexander Clark } Assessors
	John O Neal Collector
	John Ackerman, John Becker } Constables
[207] Seventh ward.	Jacob Mott Esquire, Alderman
	Samuel Torbert Assistant
	John Pell, Aspinwall Cornwall } Assessors
	Abraham Van Gelder Junior. Collector
	Jonathan Allen, Morris Oakley } Constables
Eighth ward.	Thurston Wood Esquire, Alderman
	John Hopper Junior, Assistant
	Arthur Burtis, Samuel Delaplaine } Assessors
	Andrew Hegeman Collector
	Thomas Darling, Henry G. Disbrow } Constables

Ninth ward — Nicholas Fish Esquire, Alderman
Gerard Depeyster Assistant
John Adriance, Elbert Kip } Assessors
Benjamin Vredenburgh Collector
Reuben Ryder, David Robinson } Constables

Issued Warrts

Nos 786	Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer, to pay.	
787	Miss Vaillant towards a suit of colours	$200.
788	Philip J Arcularius—for support of alms house	4000.
789	Philip J Arcularius, for balance of his last alms house account	1231.43
790	Daniel Woolsey, for work at White hall dock	309.77
790	John Vanderbeck for carting	20.12
791	John Ferris, sweeping streets at Hudson Market	65.
792	Matthew Dikeman—repairing pumps	162.96
793	Charles Loss—Surveying	322.
794	Jacob Cholwell on account of lighting lamps	2297.84

[208] In Common Council. November 28. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire. Recorder.

Esquires Aldermen: Jacob Mott, Thurston Wood, James Fairlie, Wynant Van Zandt Junior, James Drake, Jacob De la Montagnie, Elias Nexsen, Caleb Pell, Abraham King

Assistants: Samuel Torbert, Joseph Board, Samuel M Hopkins, Jacob Shute, Andrew Morris, Gilbert Coutant

Upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee, Isaac Odell, Daniel Lancey, John McMillen, Joseph Silleck, Stephen Merrett, and Samuel Dunn were appointed Watchmen to Captain Van Warts company.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Romaine stating that a large deficiency of ground in his purchase of a lot of common land existed, reported that it would be proper to make the same allowance, as was afforded to Edward Dunscomb Esquire under similar circumstances [209] Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

Charles Meeks. Harness maker, was appointed a Fireman of Company No 24 instead of Henry Watkeys, resigned, Simon Crooker,

grocer, and Matthew Vanderhoof Shoemaker were appointed Firemen of Company N° 15 instead of Caleb Daulton and William Ball resigned

The following report was received from the Building Committee. to wit

The Committee for superintending the building of the new City hall, appointed on the 5 day of December 1805. Report

That the amount of the money received by Mr Sickels on account of the building by virtue of sundry warrants passed by the Common Council on the City Treasurer from the day *from the time* of their appointment of the Committee to this day as appears by the Schedule hereunto annexed A is.....		$34,400.
There has also been received for materials which was deemed for the public benefit to sell during the aforesaid period.....		382.82
Which will make the whole receipts amount to.....		34,782.82
At the period the present committee was appointed there was due the like Committee of the preceding year, a balance of.....	1833.94½	
How the money has been expended during the year past will be found particularly set forth in the said schedule. The vouchers for which have been inspected by the Committee, and are now ready to be examined by the Comptroller including a sum now due to Johnson and Stevens for marble* amounts to.....	36,979.44½	
		$38,813
[210] Which leaves a balance due the Committee.....		$4030.57
There are two Items, in the account of disbursements in Schedule A, that do not properly belong and therefore should not be carried to the Building account, to wit.		
1. Money paid for building the office of the board of health in the Summer of 1805 which should in the accounts of the Corporation be carried to its proper head amounts to	$991.	
2. Sundry materials furnished the Superintendant of repairs, such as could be spared from the hall and necessary in his department the particulars are in Schedule B	403.31	$1394.31
Which leaves a balance due the Committee.....		2636.26
Schedule C exhibits the quantities of the different species of work finished and also of marble, stone, and other materials now on hand amounting to.....		$56,946.50

* Marginal note reads *Amounting to $1209.49.*—Ed.

Of marble and other stone work cut and carved besides the columns and capital now ready to be laid there is sufficient to carry up the building above the sills of the windows of the second story which is as far in the contemplation of the architect as the work will be advanced during the ensuing Summer, and which will be proceeding as fast as is consistent with that solidity which is indispensibly requisite in an edifice of such magnitude as the one now erecting.

By order of the Committee
James Fairlie Chairman

[211] Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

A report was received from the Committee on the regulations at the Fly market slip. Ordered that the consideration of the same be postponed.

A bond due from this board to Mr Curtenius was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner to report whether there is any set off.

The board proceeded to ballot for a Purveyor of the Alms house instead of Elijah Cock deceased John J Westervelt having the greatest number of votes was appointed.

The Comptroller presented deeds for the following grants. to wit. To Lemuel Skidmore and Amos Corning, John McKie, Nicholas Romayne, Mary McCrea, John Beekman, Henry Bedlow, Anna Bancker, William B. Crosby. Ordered that the same be respectively executed under the seal of the board.

[212] In Common Council, December . 1. 1806.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Jacob Shute	Assistants.
Jacob Mott		Simon Van Antwerp	
Jacob De la Montagnie		Gilbert Coutant	
Caleb Pell		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		John D Miller	
James Fairlie		Samuel M Hopkins	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Andrew Morris	

Resolved that a large treble lamp be erected on the end of the Corporation pier lately built at the South end of the battery and that the same be lighted as the other lamps on the battery are

The following Charter Officers appeared in Common Council and took and subscribed the oaths of Office required by law.

First ward.
Wynant Van Zandt Junior Esquire. Alderman
Andrew Morris. Assistant.
Peter Mesier, Jacob John Lansing } Assessors
John Farrington, James W Green } Constables

[213] **Second ward.**
Selah Strong Esquire. Alderman
John W Mulligan, Assistant
John Thomson, Harry Peters } Assessors.
David Saffern, Henry Marsh } Constables.

Third ward.
Jacob Le Roy Esquire. Alderman
Benjamin Haight. Assistant
Thomas Taylor Assessor
Thomas Martin, David Townley } Constables.

Fourth ward.
John P Ritter, Esquire, Alderman
Robert Bogardus. Assistant
Garrit B Abeel, Daniel M Hitchcock } Assessors
James Crooker, John Wark } Constables

Fifth ward.
Roger Strong Esquire, Alderman
Thomas Demarest. Assistant
Amos Corning, John Morss Junior } Assessors.
George G Doremus, Abraham Collard } Constables

Sixth ward.
John D Miller Esquire, Alderman
Stephen Ludlam Assistant
Henry Ackerman, Alexander Clark } Assessors.
John Ackerman, John Becker } Constables.

Seventh ward.
Jacob Mott Esquire, Alderman
Samuel Torbert Assistant
John Pell, Aspinwall Cornwall } Assessors
Jonathan Allen, Morris Oakley } Constables.

[214] **Eighth ward.**
Thurston Wood Esquire, Alderman
John Hopper Junior Assistant
Arthur Burtis, Samuel Delaplaine } Assessors.
Thomas Darling, Henry G. Disbrow } Constables.

Ninth ward.	Nicholas Fish Esquire, Alderman	
	Gerard De Peyster Assistant	
	John Adriance	Assessors.
	Elbert Kip	
	Reuben Ryder	Constables.
	David Robertson	

In Common Council. December 1. 1806

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris	Assistants
Selah Strong		John W Mulligan	
Jacob Le Roy		Benjamin Haight	
John P Ritter		Robert Bogardus	
Roger Strong		Thomas Demarest	
John D Miller		Stephen Ludlam	
Jacob Mott		Samuel Torbert	
Thurston Wood		John Hopper Junior	
Nicholas Fish		Gerard Depeyster	

[215] Alderman Van Zandt moved that the board proceed to appoint a City Treasurer by ballot. The Recorder moved for a division thereon. The said motion prevailed as follows to wit.

Affirmative	
Alderman Van Zandt	Mr Morris.
S. Strong	Mulligan
Le Roy	Haight
Ritter.	Bogardus
R. Strong	Demarest
Fish	Depeyster
Negative	
The Recorder	
Alderman Miller	Mr Ludlam
Mott	Torbert
Wood	Hopper.

Whereupon the board proceeded to ballot according and Daniel Phœnix was unanimously reappointed.

Alderman Miller moved the following resolution to wit

Resolved that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to vote upon the Manhattan Stock belonging to this board.

Alderman Van Zandt moved a substitute for the same in the following words to wit.

Resolved that a proxy be made out in the usual form signed by the Mayor and Clerk with the seal of the City thereunto affixed ap-

pointing to vote in behalf of this board for directors of the Manhattan company at the ensuing election. The question being taken upon such substitute the same was carried

Alderman Van Zandt moved to fill the blank with [216] a name to be determined by ballot, and the Recorder with the name of DeWitt Clinton, a division being taken upon the former motion the same was carried as follows—to wit

Affirmative the same as in the preceding division

Negative, the same as in the preceding division.

The board proceeded to ballot accordingly and Alderman Selah Strong having the greatest number of votes was appointed to vote in behalf of this board at the ensuing election for Directors of the Manhattan Company

A Communication of Sir James Jay respecting an improved plan of this City, and also concerning the fortification of the harbour was received and ordered to lie on the table.

An account of Mr Anthony Dey for defendants costs in the causes of John Grant at the suit of this board was referred to the Attorney of the board.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the medical department of the Alms house reported that it would be proper to allow $150 for the purchase of surgical instruments. Ordered that such report be confirmed, and the allowance made.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to report to this board at their next meeting the state of the funds of the Corporation distinguishing the cash in hand, the amount of the tax of this year that has been collected, The amount of the notes or bonds which the Corporation owe either to any of the banks or to individuals what contracts have been made on the part of the Corporation upon which money is yet to be paid, and which contracts have not yet been fulfilled.

[217] In Common Council. December 8. 1806.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire. Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire, Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris	Assistants
Selah Strong		John W Mulligan	
Jacob Le Roy		Benjamin Haight.	
Roger Strong		Thomas Demarest	
Jacob Mott		Gerard Depeyster	
Thurston Wood		Robert Bogardus	
Nicholas Fish		John Hopper Junior	
John P Ritter		Stephen Ludlam	
John D Miller		Samuel Torbert	

The following communication was received from the Reverend the Clergy—to wit

At a meeting of a number of the Clergy of this City, of different denominations, on Thursday the fourth instant, for the purpose of considering the dispensations of Divine Providence towards the City, and the propriety of taking a public and special notice of the same:

Resolved unanimously, that the goodness of God towards our City, especially in granting to it, during the past Season, an unusual exemption from the Epidemic disease, which has proved so distressing in former years, An exemption which has extended, in a remarkable degree, to the other Cities and towns of the United States, calls for our public and grateful acknowledgments.

[218] Resolved that it be recommended and it is hereby recommended to the Congregations under our pastoral care, to set apart and observe Thursday the twenty fifth instant as a day of special Thanksgiving and Prayer; That, abstaining from servile labour and recreations on that day they come together to praise the God of all grace for his mercies to our City; to pray for the sanctified improvement of those mercies; and to implore the influences of the Holy Spirit to revive the cause of truth and righteousness among us, as the only sure basis of prosperity and happiness.

Signed by order of the meeting
John Rodgers. Chairman

Resolved that this board unite in the recommendation of the Reverend the Clergy of this City upon the above occasion, and accordingly recommend that Thursday the twenty-fifth day of December instant be observed and set apart as a day of public and special thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God for his benevolent dispensations of mercy to this City, and we therefore recommend to our fellow Citizens

that they carefully abstain from all recreations and secular employments on that day. Ordered that the preceding Communication and resolutions be published.

The usual bond was received from the City Treasurer for the due and faithful performance of the duties of his office Ordered that the same be approved and filed.

[219] The following standing Committees were appointed to wit

Building Committee	Alderman Van Zandt Selah Strong Le Roy Mott Miller Mr Torbert Morris.
Lamp Committee	Mr Torbert Morris Bogardus
Public repairs	Mr Demarest Haight
Road Committee	Alderman Fish Wood Selah Strong Mr Depeyster Hopper.
Watch Committee	Mr Miller, Haight Alderman Wood
Ferry Committee	Alderman Selah Strong Mr Bogardus Ludlam.
Market Committee	Alderman Ritter Miller Mr Demarest
Fire Department	Alderman Mott Ritter Mr Mulligan
[220] For preparing and revising laws	Alderman Roger Strong Mr Mulligan Bogardus.
Canal Committee	Mr Bogardus Alderman Fish Roger Strong Mr Mulligan Ludlam
Wharves and Slips.....	Alderman Le Roy Van Zandt Mott

For bringing water into the City Alderman Fish
Le Roy
Wood
Mr Hopper
Morris.

A petition of Jacob McKeag stating that his contract for the road* near Hell gate is completed and that the sum of $600 is due to him thereon was referred to the road Committee.

A communication of Dr Pascalis, respecting the medical department of the Alms house was referred to Mr Torbert, Morris and Depeyster.

A communication of Sir James Jay received at the last meeting was referred to the Street Commissioner, Ordered that the thanks of the board be presented to him for the same

[221] Petitions of Southwick and Hardcastle, and Stephen Gould to be employed in transacting the printing business of the Corporation was referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of Benjamin Underhill and others, stating that they are aggrieved in the assessment of Roosevelt Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of George Goodheart and also of Jacob Hays to be appointed Captain of the City watch was referred to the Watch Committee.

A resignation of John Mills of his appointment as a Commissioner of the alms house and Bridewell, was received, Ordered that the said resignation be accepted. Mr Mills, also, in the said communication, suggested several ideas for the improvement and better education of the poor children belonging to the establishment. The consideration of the latter branch of his communication was postponed.

A communication of Thomas Hazard, keeper of the bridewell, stating that he has dismissed Samuel Hull one of his turnkeys; together with an application of Samuel Hull to be continued, were severally referred to Mr Bogardus, Mulligan and Alderman Roger Strong.

A petition of Owen Trayner and others for a pump at the corner of Bedlow Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Seventh ward with power to grant the same, upon the usual terms

Peter Ely, cabinet maker, was appointed a Fireman of Company No 20 instead of George Parker resigned William Timpson Confectioner [222] was appointed a Fireman of Company No 20 instead of John Disbrow resigned Isaac Randall Grocer, Ebenezer Nickerson

* Marginal note reads *Horn's Hook Ferry road.*—ED.

Blacksmith John McClyment Silversmith, and Abel Hardenbrook, carver and gilder, were appointed Firemen to Company N° 25 instead of John McComb. David Fowler, Silas Hicks and John Burns, Benjamin Castles Cooper was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 12 instead of Robert Nichols resigned and Elias M Stilwell was appointed a Fireman of Company N° 13 instead of Benjamin W Strong resigned.

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the bills of Anthony Dey for costs in the causes against Mr Grant reported the same to be correct and that the sum of $42.26 is due to Mr Dey Ordered that the said report be confirmed and a Warrant issue.

The Committee to whom was referred the assessment for regulating Amity Street, recommended that the same be recommitted to the assessors. Their report was confirmed and the recommitment ordered

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for repaving Gold and Ferry Streets, Ordered that the same be confirmed and Hugh Montgomery appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for paving Third Street from [223] Rivington to Stanton Street. Ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported the assessment for paving Chapel Street from Anthony to Leonard Street Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector.

A report of the Street Commissioner with the draft of an Ordinance to raise the deficiency for repaving Roosevelt Street. Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and assistant of the fourth ward and the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner recommended the following resolution to wit

Resolved that the Pitt Street upon the ground of the late Alderman Bayard be hereafter called and known by the name of Elm Street, so that Elm Street be continued and known by that name from Reed to Spring Streets. The said resolution passed the board.

The Street Commissioner likewise presented an ordinance for the regulation of Elm Street, Ordered that the same pass and that Lewis Ford, William Dustan Arthur Smith, Amos Corning and Joseph Watkins be appointed assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for paving Cross Street and part of Barley and Reed Streets, Ordered that the same be confirmed and Oliver Jaques appointed Collector

*The Street Commissioner presented a return from Abraham Van

* Marginal note reads *Lien on Lotts in Walnut St $211.74.*—ED.

Gelder Junior, Collector, of vacant lots in Walnut Street amounting to $211.74, Ordered that a Warrant issue for the payment of that sum and that the same become a lien agreeably to law.

[224] The Committee to whom was referred the last account of the Comptroller for expenditures, in filling in the collect report that they have examined the same and find it correct and that the Sum of $151.68 remains in his hands unexpended. Ordered that the said report be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2843 to 2875 inclusive, Ordered that the same do pass.

The City Inspector reported that he had received from the Common Council of Philadelphia, a set of the laws of Pennsylvania, and recommended that a set of the laws of this State be transmitted in return, Ordered that the City Inspector be authorized to purchase a complete edition of the laws of this State and transmit the same to the Common Council of Philadelphia.

An Ordinance for the appointment of a board of health was passed.

The Comptroller reported to the board that he has adjusted and settled the accounts with Henry Rutgers, Mary McCrea Anna Bancker, John Beekman, Henry Bedlow and William B. Crosby, and that the

Balance received from	Henry Rutgers is	$1169.77
	Mary McCrea	168.27
	Anna Bancker	168.27
[225]	John Beekman	37. 3½
	Henry Bedlow	37. 3½
	William B Crosby	37. 3½
		$1497.41½

Ordered that the said report be filed.

A petition of Benjamin Waldron for a lease of the mill rock and a report of the Comptroller in favour thereof was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the ninth ward.

The Comptroller reported that the quantity of ground contained in his lease which Mr Hibbert desires to transfer to Mr Herman Vosburgh is only a few feet and that no inconvenience will be incurred by acceding to his request Ordered that the said report be confirmed, and that Mr Hibbert be authorised to assign to Mr Vosburgh such portion of the lot as is covered by the building of the latter during the term of Mr Hibberd therein

An account current of the City Inspector of expenditures for the board of health was accepted and filed

An account of Potts and Moore for dirt carted into the Bowery lane was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Miss Vaillant for a farther compensation for a Suit of colours made by her for the Artillery was referred to Alderman Vanzandt, Fish and LeRoy

The Comptroller presented an account of expenditures for filling in the Collect Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Ritter, Mr Ludlam and Demarest.

John Marschalk was appointed Weighmaster

[226] *Mr Bogardus moved the following resolution. Resolved that the resolution passed the 21. July last granting stands in the Fish market to Fourteen Butchers be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr Morris moved the following Substitute Resolved that in addition to the fourteen stalls partly granted in the Fish market that a number of butchers be removed from the upper to the lower market, and that in future all Poultry. small meats etc, be sold in the upper market near Pearl Street, that all stands erected in the lower market and other good situations pay a yearly rent and that a sufficient Fish market be built close by the water. The consideration was postponed.

A petition from Baruch Wright to be appointed keeper of the Flag Staff of the Battery. of Jacob Wright to fill such office as he may be enabled satisfactorily to discharge and praying the appointment of Superintendant of the alms house. Of William Brower to be appointed Weighmaster, of Jacob K Duryee for any office, Of Alexander Hutchinson for Measurer of lime. Of John Hooghland for an office of Hugh OConnor for an office and of William M Summers for the appointment of an Inspector of bread were severally received and ordered to lie on the table

[227] The Comptroller presented the grants directed to be made to John Kemp. Benjamin Romaine. William McKenney. Isaac Moses and Henry Kermit. Ordered that the same be respectively executed under the common seal.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

Issd Warrts Nos				
797	Nicholas Lawrence	City Watch	.....	$237.16
798	William Van Wart	Do	.....	237.16
799	Magnus Beekman	do	.....	217.56
800	William Peterson	do	.....	217.56
801	Hugh Gobel	do	.....	158.76
802	Gad Dumbolton	do	.....	158.76

* Marginal note reads *See P 118 124 236.*—Ed.

Nos	803	Beekman M Van Beuren—Salary and work to roads.....	$151.31
	804	Beekman M, Van Beuren, work to Powder house hill.....	603.74
	805	Samuel B Waldron, work to roads.....	465.22
	806	John Sharp for timber.....	1996.56
	807	Edward Moran for services.....	50.
	808	Andrew Otterson do	50.
	809	James Hardy do	62.50
	810	William J Waldron money advanced for bridge at Manhattan avenue	100.
	811	John Declew Salary as Inspector of bread.....	88.
	812	David King, anniversary Dinner November 25, and sundries	654.87
	813	Beekman and Bogert carriage hire.....	13.
	814	John McComb, carting dirt to pumps.....	5.
	815	Amos Rooke Salary as keeper of Signal poles Staten Island	354. 6
	816	Bartholomew Skaats—Salary	125.
	817	William Bridges—Surveying	76.
	818	S Ludlam and E Haviland, assessing Sixth ward.....	95.
	819	Proprietor of Evening Post for subscription.....	37.50
	820	Daniel Barward—work at Village Street.....	362.41
	821	Daniel Barward, timber for drains at collect.....	24.33
	822	Joseph Elldridge work to Village Street.....	187.56
	823	John A Crolius, Salary as Inspector of bread.....	93.50
[228]	824	Benjamin Brower, dock stone.....	593.75
	825	William P Roome, Superintending Streets.....	58.
	826	John Paul dock Stone.....	67.50
	827	John Woolsey—dock Stone.....	35.
	828	Simon Van Antwerp—Ironmongery.....	118.52
	829	Joseph Boyd—carting	60.
	830	Daniel Neal— do	30.
	831	John Smith—iron work.....	53.
	832	Robert Brown—carting	34.
	833	James Horner, work to wells.....	69.37
	834	Andrew Leary—carpenters work.....	33.37
	835	Tuyl Jacocks dock stone.....	280.
	836	Daniel Woolsey error in his account of 24 November.....	39.
	837	Proprietor of Mercantile Advertiser for printing.....	27.50
	838	Peter Clark for cartridges.....	14.83
	839	John T Blauvelt—dock Stone.....	467.50
	840	John H Sickels—building Committee.....	1200.
	841	Abraham Van Gelder junior, deficiency on assessment of Walnut Street	211.74

Resolved that the Street Commissioner present in writing to this board at their next meeting or as soon as may be the necessary information in relation to the following objects.

[229] 1. What Ordinances have passed this Board for opening and regulating Streets which streets have not been completed and

what causes exist to delay their completion designating the different Streets and wards in which such streets are situated.

2. What assessment, with the amount of each which have been confirmed by the board for collecting monies for regulating and opening streets not completed with the names of the different assessors and collectors, what amount has been collected, how much still remains due, and what sums of money if any are at present in the hands of the different Collectors designating the particular Street and ward.

3. The names of persons who have made Cessions or agreed to make cessions of land for the purpose of opening streets not completed and also the conditions if any on which such Cessions have been made or agreed to be made with the names of such persons who have refused to make cessions designating the particular Street and ward

4. What amount remains due to this Board in assessments for streets which have been either opened, regulated, or otherwise completed with the names and amount due from each person, and also the names of the Collectors designating the particular Streets

[230] In Common Council December 15. 1806

Present. DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Nicholas Fish		Andrew Morris
John D. Miller		Gerard De Peyster
Jacob Le Roy		Robert Bogardus
Selah Strong	Esquires	Samuel Torbert
Roger Strong	Aldermen	Stephen Ludlam — Assistants
John P. Ritter		Benjamin Haight
Jacob Mott		John Hopper Junior
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		John W. Mulligan
		Thomas Demarest

A petition of Daniel McGie and Abner Concklin administrators of Joseph Kelly praying a Settlement of Accounts for regulating Broome Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Jay and others relative to raising the grounds near the Collect was referred to the Canal Committee

A. Petition of George Shayers Sweeper of Catharine Market for an increase of Salary was [231] referred to the Market Committee

Samuel Nichols Tin plate worker. Joseph D. Everingham Accountant. Oliver White Hatter Henry W. Peckwell Printer and Elisha D. Baker Cooper were appointed additional Firemen to Company N° 5

A Communication of the Superintendant of the Alms House respecting the admission of Paupers was referred to Alderman Roger Strong. Miller and Mr Morris

A Petition of Fire Company No 5 for Iron runners to their Engine was referred to chief Engineer

The Street Commissioner reported that he has not been able to complete the several Statements required at the last meeting. But that he will report the same at the next meeting

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the account of Potts and Moore for dirt carrted into the Bowery reported that as it is a public outlet from the City it appears reasonable to pay the same ordered that the said account be paid and that it be referred to Mr Torbert. Bogardus and Mulligan to report whether the money ought not to be refunded to the Board by assessment

The Street Commissioner reported that it [232] would be proper to pay the following sums To wit to John Anderson on his contract for west pier at the Battery $583.83—Walter Allen on his contract for East Pier at the Battery $375—Ordered that the said Report be confirmed and that warrants issue accordingly

A Report of the Attorney of the Board respecting the claim of Stephen Colver for an Infringement of his patent right for a Mud Machine was referred to the Attorney and Counsel of the Board

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 2875 to 2892 inclusive Ordered that the same pass

*The City Inspector presented a report respecting the lists of Firemen and also concerning cleaning the Streets near the markets the first Branch of the report was referred to the Committee on the fire Department—the latter to the Market Committee

A report of the City Inspector respecting forestalling the Markets was referred to the Committee on the revision of the Laws

The Committee to whom was referred the several petitions of Thomas Hazard and Samuel Hull reported that it would be proper to pass [233] an amendment to the Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell in the words following To wit

That for the better and safe keeping of the City Prison and Bridewell there shall be two Turnkeys or Deputy Keepers to be appointed by the Keeper aforesaid who shall be Subject to the orders and directions of the said Keeper and who shall receive for their Services each

* Marginal note reads *See P. 202.*—ED.

the sum of $250 per Annum to be paid quarterly out of the City Treasury

Ordered that the said report be confirmed and the aforesaid Ord[i]nance amended accordingly

The Comptroller presented an Account of his disbursements for the Board of Health during the fever of 1805 Ordered that the same be filed

An account of Mr Pendleton for Costs of Non Suit in the Causes against Comfort Sands was referred to the Counsel of the Board

The following report was received from the City Inspector, "The City Inspector to whom were referred the petition of Stephen Gould and Messrs Southwick & Hardcastle Soliciting the *the* employment of Printers to the Corporation [234] has the Honor to report

That in his opinion it would Essentially conduce to the dispatch of Business and Especially to the Correctness of the work if the Job printing of the Public Offices under the Corporation were Executed by Book Printers. whose materials are generally more Suitable and whose time and attention are less Subject to interruption and delay than can possibly be the case with the Printers of daily News papers.

which is respectfully Submitted

City Inspectors Office John Pintard
Decr 15. 1806

Ordered to lie on the Table

The following resolution passed the Board

Whereas the weak and defenceless Condition of the City and Port of New York and the Danger to which they must necessarily be exposed in case of an attack by an Enemy have Justly Excited the most Serious apprehension in the minds of the Citizens

And whereas it is the duty of the Common Council to Co-operate with them [235] in their Earnest Endeavours to obtain an adequate defence for this City and Port a defence indespensible to their protection and Security and on which most important national interests must depend

And whereas Congress being by the Constitution vested with the power are charged with the duty of providing for the Common defence

Therefore Resolved—That Aldermen Nicholas Fish, Wynant Van Zandt Junr & John D. Miller be a Committee to prepare and report to this board with all convenient Speed a respectful memorial to be presented to Congress Expressing the deep Interest felt by this board in common with Citizens of New York on this Subject and Earnestly

Soliciting that Effectual means may be provided without delay to afford them that Security and protection their peculiar Situation and their Importance to the Union Eminently require

Alderman Ritter
Mr Haight
Mr Ludlam
} were appointed a Committee to report concerning the line of Harrison Street

Resolved that the following Officers hereafter to be appointed by this board before they enter upon the duties of their respective Offices give such security as may be approved of by the [236] Mayor or any three of the Aldermen faithfully to account to this board for all monies received by them respectively To wit

The Comptroller in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars

The Street Commissioner in the sum of four thousand Dollars

The Superintendant of the Alms House in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars and the Superintendant of Public repairs in the sum of Two thousand Dollars

*Mr Bogardus renewed his motion of last meeting in the following words To wit

†Resolved that the resolution passed the 21 July last granting Stands in the Fish Market to Fourteen Butchers, be and the same is hereby rescinded—Alderman Miller made a motion for postponing the same as follows

Resolved that the Consideration of this resolution be postponed until the next meeting of the Board and that all the papers appertaining to the resolution with a Copy of the same which makes an appropriation of Fourteen Stalls to Fourteen Butchers be referred to Richard Harison for his opinion [237] whether this board is not bound by good faith to make good the same

A Division being taken upon Alderman Millers Motion to postpone, the same passed in the negative as follows

	Affirmative	
The Recorder		Mr Torbert
Alderman Miller		Ludlam
Mott		Hopper
	Negative	
Alderman Fish		Mr Morris
Le Roy		De Peyster
S. Strong		Bogardus
R. Strong		Haight
Ritter		Mulligan
Van Zandt		Demarest

* Marginal note reads *See P. 226.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 118 124.*—Ed.

A Division was then taken upon Mr Bogardus's Original resolution the same passed in manner following

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	Affirmative	
Alderman	Fish	Mr Morris
	Le Roy	Depeyster
	S. Strong	Bogardus
	R. Strong	Haight
	Ritter	Mulligan
	Van Zandt	Demarest
	Negative	
	The Recorder	Mr Torbert
Alderman	Miller	Ludlum
	Mott	Hopper

Mr Morris then renewed the resolution proposed by him at the last meeting in the words following To wit

Resolved that in addition to the fourteen Stalls partly granted in the Fish Market that a number of Butchers be removed from the upper to the lower market and that in future all Poultry, Small meats etc be sold in the upper [239] market near Pearl Street. That all stands Erected in the lower market and other good situations pay a yearly rent and that a Sufficient Fish Market be built close by the water

Resolved that the preceding resolution be amended by striking out the words

"In addition to the fourteen Stalls partly granted in the Fish Market,"

Alderman Van Zandt moved the following resolution

Resolved that Benjamin Romaine Comptroller to this board be and he is hereby removed from Office, and that he forthwith deliver to his Successor in Office all the monies in his hands belonging to the Public with all books vouchers and every other thing relating to the said Office

A division being then taken upon Alderman Van Zandts resolution the same passed in the affirmative as follows

	Affirmative	
Alderman	Fish	Morris
	Le Roy	Depeyster
	S. [S]trong	Bogardus
	R. Strong	Haight
	Ritter	Mulligan
	Van Zandt	Demarest
	[240] Negative	
	The Recorder	Ludlum
Alderman	Miller	Hopper
	Mott	

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Comptroller Mr Isaac Stoutenburgh was appointed to the said office

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report to the board without delay by what means Richard Varick. Benjamin Romaine and Joshua Barker obtained Water Grants while trustees on the Corporate property of this City

The Recorder
Alderman Roger Strong } were appointed the said Committee
Mr Bogardus

Resolved that this board will proceed to the appointment of a Measurer of Lumber

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Measurer of Lumber. Jeremiah Marshall was appointed

Petitions were received from Jacob Tabele for the office of Inspector of wood. of Daniel Stagg to be Employed as a Carpenter of Daniel Warham to be employed as a Carpenter. from John Farrington to be appointed Captain [241] of the Watch. Of Abraham Brevoort for the Office of an Inspector of Bread—from Joseph Brotherton to be appointed Captain of the Watch—of Thomas I. Bartow for the office of private Guager Of John R. Ross for an office Of Christian Small to be appointed keeper of the Flag Staff at the Battery and of Robert Quinn to be appointed a Public Measurer were received and ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of John Pisinger and others for the removal of their Stalls lower down in the Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

842	Wynant Van Zandt Junior Esquire for the use of the Board of Health		$500.
843	Paul B Lloyd for instalments on a Bond given to William J. Waldron & assigned to him		1266.67
844	Hill and Hoyt upon their Contract at Fly Market Slip		500.
845	John H. Sickles for the use of Building Committee		3000.
846	Potts and Moore Carting Dirt in Bowery		205.80
847	John Anderson on his Contract for Pier at the Battery		583.33
848	Walter Allen on his contract for Pier near the Battery		375.
849	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch		237.16
850	William Van Wart	Do	237.16
858	Magnus Beekman	Do	217.56
859	William Peterson	Do	217.56
851	Gad Dumbolton	Do	158.76
852	Philip Jones for Watch Caps		55.
853	John Ogden for Carting Dirt		10.50

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854	Adolphus Loss for Surveying	$68.
855	Anthony Girard for Powder	249.66
856	Thomas Hazard Conveying Vagrants to Bridewell	118.13
857	Isaac Stoutenburgh for the use of the Clerks and Constables at the last Election for Charter Officers	78.

[243] In Common Council December 22. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Esquires Aldermen	Assistants
Jacob Mott	Stephen Ludlam
Jacob Le Roy	John W Mulligan
Selah Strong	Andrew Morris
Roger Strong	Benjamin Haight
John P. Ritter	Samuel Torbert
Nicholas Fish	John Hopper Junior
John D. Miller	Robert Bogardus
Thurston Wood	Gerard Depeyster
	Thomas Demarest

A. Petition of fire Company N° 1 for the removal of their Engine House was referred to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of Hugh Gaine for a Water Grant in front of his property in Greenwich and Desbrosses Streets was referred to the Comptroller

[244] A return from Captain Lawrences watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

A Bond given by this Board to D^r^ Van Solinger was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The *Counsel of the board to whom was referred the bills of Costs in the causes commenced against Comfort Sands and others reported that the defendants have a legal right to their taxed Costs Ordered that the said bills be paid when taxed

A Petition for the regulation of Ridge Street was received and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Andrew R. Miller and others respecting Sales at Auction in Chatham Street was referred to M^r^ Bogardus. Ludlam and Haight

A representation was received from Abraham Stagg that Balances are due to him on the regulation of Several Streets—the same was referred to the Street Commissioner

*Marginal note reads *Nath^l^ Pendleton.*—ED.

A Petition of John Garrison and others Inspectors of Lumber to be continued in Office was received and ordered to lie on the Table

Abraham Stagg Collector of the assessment of Rivington Street presented a return of the delinquents on the said assessment Ordered that a [245] warrant Issue to compel payment.

The Committee to whom was referred the representation of the City Inspector respecting cleaning the Streets and intersections in the Vicinity of the Public Markets—reports that it would be expedient to make an Engagement with Mr Hutchins to remove the filth at the rate of Seven Dollars and fifty Cents per week when employed and that the Deputy Clerks of the Market be requested to notice the Execution of the work Ordered that the said report be confirmed

Ordered that proceedings for the Enlargement of Frankfort Street be discontinued

The following report was received from the Counsel of the Board —"A number of papers relative to Land on Staten Island or adjoining to it, having been placed in my hands by the late Comptroller, I have perused the same and am of Opinion that the Land granted to Thomas Carhart by Patent dated 13th April 3rd Wm and Mary is bounded to the South East by the Bay at Common High Water Mark & Consequently that none of the Land above High Water Mark included in that patent could pass by the patent to Lancaster Symes of the 7th October 1708

Anthony Fountain, therefore, in my opinion, can have no land to grant, adjoining the land purchased by the Corporation from Jacobson [246] & Van Deventer & between that and the Bay

Rich Harison. 20 Decr 1806

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Miss Vailliant praying farther Compensation for Embroidering the Colours presented to the Artillery reported that it would be proper to allow to General Morton $50 for his reimbursement and that out of the same he present $32 to Miss Vailliant for her claim

The resignation of Bell as a Fire warden of the Fifth ward was received and accepted and Thomas L. Rich appointed in his stead

A Petition of Matthew Redett to be appointed Inspector of Wood in Crums District was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the third and fifth wards.

Stephen Horton Grocer was appointed a Member of Fire Company No 8 instead of James Betts resigned

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating

Suffolk Street from Broome to Stanton Streets—Ordered that the same be confirmed and Waters Furman appointed Collector

The City Inspector reported ordinances of the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from 2893 to 2902 inclusive ordered [247] that the same be passed.

The Bond given by this board to Thomas Dick was referred to the Comptroller

Ordered that the papers and reports respecting the assessment at the Fly Market Slip be referred to Alderman Selah Strong. Mr Mulligan and Mr Bogardus with directions to confer with the Counsel of the Board

Isaac Stoutenburgh resigned his appointment of Comptroller

Alderman Selah Strong, Miller, Van Zandt } were appointed a Committee to perform the duties of Comptroller pro tempore, to adjust and audit accounts and ordered that the Clerk present the accounts in his possession to the said Committee

The following report was received from the road Committee, "The Road Committee report that from the Shortness of the days & the condition of the ground by reason of Frost & Snow, it would be inexpedient to continue working the roads during the present Season & therefore recommend that the working parties on the roads be forthwith dismissed & the work suspended for the Winter under these impressions the Committee have presumed to give directions to the Road Masters [248] to discharge their men & to discontinue works the roads until the pleasure of the Board shall be known December 22. 1806 Nichs Fish Chairman—Ordered that the same be confirmed

Petitions of Henry Remmey and Samuel Dodge to be appointed Superintendant of Alms House—of Levi Gansey to be appointed Superintendant of Public repairs—Of Andrew R. Miller to be appointed Weigh Master—Of Miles Kirkley to be appointed a Weigh Master—Of Matthew Gallalee to be appointed Inspector of Bread—Of Daniel Dodge to be appointed Measurer of Grain—Of Peter Wilkes Green for an Office and of Christian Rook to be appointed a Carpenter to the Public. were received and ordered to lie on the Table

[249] In Common Council December 29. 1806

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	Assistants.
Jacob Le Roy		Stephen Ludlam	
John P. Ritter		Benjamin Haight	
John D. Miller		Robert Bogardus	
Thurston Wood		John Hopper Junior	
Selah Strong		Andrew Morris	
Roger Strong		Gerard Depeyster	
Nicholas Fish		John W. Mulligan	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Thomas Demarest	

A representation of Dr Chapman that the family of Mr Ross in Reed Street are in a distressed situation was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the fifth ward with power to grant relief

A petition of Adam Pentz to be exonerated from a fine was referred to the Attorney of the Board

[250] Returns from Captains Petersons and Lawrences Watch Companies were referred to the Watch Committee upon receiving the report of the Watch Committee ordered that Peter Valon and Henry Felter be appointed Watchmen and Jacob Roome. Freeman Hamilton. George Doremus Joseph Wentworth and David Lawrence Substitutes of Captain Lawrences Company and that the suspension of Cornelius Decker be confirmed

Ordered that a Watch Box be placed at and adjoining the fence of the Health Office in Chamber Street and that a Watchman be there stationed

A Petition of Patrick McKay to be compensated for damages received at the late Riot in Augustus Street was referred to Alderman Miller. Ritter and Mr Morris

* A Memorial of John Hunter and others respecting a fire Engine House in Duane Street was referred to the Chief Engineer and Alderman and assistant of the fifth ward

A Petition of Edward Laight in behalf of Elizabeth Laight for payment of the assessment monies due to her was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Knapp for payment of the monies due to him for digging out Gouveneurs Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized [251] to take all proper

* Marginal note reads *See P. 260.*—ED.

Measures to preserve the peace and prevent disturbances on New Years Eve and day

A Petition of Joshua Waddington and others stating that repeated attempts have been made to set fire to stores and buildings in Pearl Street & Pine Street for the purposes of Plunder ordered that Alderman Van Zandt be authorized to take measures to place Watchmen in that neighbourhood

Alderman Fish
Van Zandt
Miller

Were appointed a Committee to report upon the propriety of appropriating public Ground for the purpose of Erecting a building to Cover a Park of Heavy Artillery to be Erected by the General Government and also upon the propriety of appropriating certain parts of the intended projection of the Battery for the purpose of Constructing works for the defence of the City and further upon the propriety of providing a suitable scite on each side of the northern parts of this City on which Batteries may be built to destroy Vessels of War that may pass the other Batteries and attempt a Cannonade.

A Communication of the Cashier of the Manhattan Bank respecting a dividend on the Stock of the Corporation was referred to the Comptroller

Upon receiving the report of the Committee to whom was referred a Communication of the Superintendant of the Alms House Ordered that two or three hundred additional loads of wood be provided if it can be done on reasonable terms and that a proper person be employed to make enquiry and report [252] to the Superintendant the Situation and necessities of persons applying for Bounty

A report of the Street Commissioner and an opinion of the Counsel of the board respecting the Piers at white Hall Slip was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the first ward and Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Underhill and others against the assessment for the drain in Roosevelt Street reported that it would be inexpedient to make any alterations in the assessment Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Street Commissioner to whom were referred the petitions of Magie and Conklin. and Abraham *Magg* [Stagg] reported against making any further advance upon their contracts Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported an additional assessment for the intersections of Henry Street ordered that the same be confirmed and John Bussing appointed Collector

Thomas I. Bartow was appointed a Guager

Alderman Miller moved that the Board proceed to the appointment of a Comptroller a division being taken thereupon the same was negatived as follows To wit

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman Mott	Mr Torbert	Alderman Le Roy	Mr Haight
Miller	Ludlam	Ritter	[253] Bogardus
Wood	Hopper	S. Strong	Morris
	Demarest	R. Strong	Depeyster
		Fish	Mulligan
		Van Zandt	

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for the Correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2902 to 2912 inclusive ordered that the same do pass.

Daniel Dodge was appointed a Measurer of Grain

Mr Mulligan moved the following resolution To wit—Resolved that so much of the resolution of December 10th 1804 as directs that the *Editor of the American Citizen be Employed to execute the printing of this Board and its officers be and the same is hereby rescinded

A division being taken thereupon the same was carried in the affirmative as follows To wit

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman Le Roy	Mr Haight	Alderman Mott	
Ritter	Bogardus	Miller	
S. Strong	Morris	Wood	
R. Strong	Depeyster	Torbert	
Fish	Mulligan	Ludlam	
Van Zandt	Demarest	Hopper	

[254] The Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Redett and Henry Crum praying a change in their Wood Inspection districts reported that they have withdrawn their petition and that no further proceedings are necessary

The Committee appointed for that purpose reported a petition to Congress for placing our Sea Port and Harbour in a State of defence the same was adopted Ordered that the seal of the Board be affixed thereto and the same transmitted

Petitions were received from John W. Patterson for the office of Attorney to the Board—from Alexander Crawford for the Office of Superintendant of repairs from John M. Riker to be appointed Inspector of Wood and from Tunis Riker to be appointed a Public Carpenter the same were ordered to lie on the Table

* Marginal note reads *James Cheetham.*—ED.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the treasurer to pay

Nos	860	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	$237.16
	861	William Van Wart Do	237.16
	862	Magnus Beekman Do	223.16
	863	William Peterson Do	217.56
	864	Charles Van Orden Do	158.76
	865	Gad Bumbolton Do	158.76
	866	Selah Strong for dirt Carted into Collect	1007.43
	867	Samuel B. Waldron for work to roads	964.31
	868	Joseph Kimball painting and Glazing	354.49
	869	John Requa work to Village Street	71.69
	870	Daniel Banward drain in Village Street	141.36
[255]	871	Oliver Jaques repairs on Washington Street	199.46
	872	Oliver Jaques paving Chapel Street	9.40
	873	James Steadman trunk in Rivington Street	12.02
	874	Edward Watkeys Candles	12.71
	875	Benjamin Demilt regulating dock	50.
	876	Kimball and Skaats painting & Glazing	194.50
	877	Charles Van Orden City Watch	158.76

[256] In Common Council January 5. 1807

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott Jacob Le Roy Selah Strong Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt Junior Nicholas Fish Roger Strong John P. Ritter John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen	Gerard Depeyster John W. Mulligan John Hopper Junior Benjamin Haight Thomas Demarest Stephen Ludlam Andrew Morris Robert Bogardus
		Assistants

A return from Captain Lawrence's watch Company was referred to the Watch Committee

A proposal of John T. Crane and Samuel Hutchings to cleanse the Streets was referred to the City Inspector

A petition of Andrew Ross and Thomas Duvall respecting the regulation of Crosby Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Stephen Gould to obtain the printing business of the Corporation was referred to the City [257] Inspector

A petition of William Post for a grant of the stand No 59 Fly Market was received and granted

A petition of Caleb Fordham and others for a pump in Bedlow Street between Charlotte and East Rutgers Streets was granted on the

usual terms under the directions of the Alderman and assistant of the Seventh ward

A representation was received from Mr Macomb that Johnson and Stevens stand in need of an advance of $3000 upon their Contract for Marble ordered that the same be made upon their giving proper security to be approved by the building Committee—that $1000 parcel thereof be immediately paid and the residue when convenient to the board

The following report was received from the Committee relative to the Piers at White Hall Slip

The Committee appointed to Superintend the Erecting of Piers between the Exchange & White Hall Slips have the Honor to—Report that the questions offered to Mr Harison by the Street Commissioner together with his answers have been shewn to Mr Coles who has Consented to Contribute his proportion towards the piers upon the following principles

1t That the Ell projecting Easterly from the west pier be paid for and the wharfage thereof be considered the Exclusive right of the proprietors in the same [258] manner as is agreed with respect to the Center pier

2 That the Corporation relinquish their right to half the Wharfage at the Ends of the Piers in consideration of Mr Coles & Mr Goelet relinquishing their claim to damages for receding from the Slip. the half of the End of said Piers to be the Exclusive right of the said Coles & Goelet

3 That the Corporation receive the Wharfage on the Slip sides and the proprietors all the residue according to their several interests which several interests shall in this case be determined by the width of their respective fronts and in all cases the width of the Street leading to the river or such parts thereof as hath been made by the owners of the Corner lots shall be added to said Corner Lots

The Committee are aware that Mr Harisons Opinion respecting the interests of the several proprietors is different from the above propositions which are founded upon the Statement C Mr Harison having decided in favor of the Statement A But it ought to be understood that the law upon which he founded his opinion supposes or may be deemed to suppose the term of the water rights and the Expence of making the water into land to be in proportion to the width of their several fronts Whereas it is clear that the corner lots on Slips or Streets have been Obliged to expend a Considerable additional sum The proposition of Mr Coles is therefore to put the Corner lots upon

an Equal footing as to their payments [259] & interest in the revenue with the other proprietors

The proposition of Mr Coles to give up his claim to damages for the Bulk head and Waters and take as an Equivalent the half of the End of the Pier claimed by the Corporation appears to the Committee to be such as the Corporation ought to comply with; for they will receive a front on the Slip of Twenty feet in lieu of fifteen feet and the End of the pier & thereby be released from a difficult and doubtful settlement of damages which might be attended with the Expences of a suit at Law

The committee having taken up this subject in various points of View and believing that further delay will increase the difficulties of settlement recommend that the Corporation Accede to the propositions now made as a permanent adjustment of this affair. There does not appear any disposition in the other proprietors hostile to this mode of settlement and the Committee know of no objection to it except that Mr Goelet has not been Consulted in this particular But as he has uniformly refused to contribute the Corporation may be considered his Successor and they will consequently have to advance towards the piers already built for his rights &c therein $603 $^{85}/_{100}$ which the Committee recommend to be paid to the Contractors And that Mr Goelet have Six months to refund the money to be advanced by the Corporation on paying interest for the same and that the Street Commissioner give him notice accordingly.

[260] All which is respectfully Submitted

January 6. 1806

Wynant Van Zandt Jr
John S. Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Upon receiving the report of the Watch committee ordered that Ebenezer Stevenson. Joseph Ayres. Henry Storms. Aaron Duval. John McManus. Alexander McKay John Bennet and Isaac Boice be appointed Substitutes to Captain Petersons Company that the Suspension of Benjamin Spear and Jacob Beveline and Timothy Briggs be confirmed

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered 2913 to 2923 inclusive ordered that the same do pass

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication concerning Mrs Ross reported that in their opinion the law would not author-

ise the Board in affording her pecuniary relief out of the ordinary course and that she be referred to the proper Officers in case she should be disposed to make an application as a pauper Ordered that the said report be confirmed

Upon receiving the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of *John Hunter and others and also the petition of Fire Company N° 1 Resolved that the New Engine House made or making for Fire Engine N° 1 be set up and [261] Established until the further order of the Common Council at the place where the old one now Stands and under the direction of the Chief Engineer

The Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Public funds presented the following report

The Committee that was appointed to enquire into the State of the Public Funds. Report. That by the City Treasurers Cash account given on the 26 Dec^{r} last there was in the Treasury \$2733 $^{26}/_{100}$ and warrants had been drawn previous to that date upon the Treasury which had not been paid to the amount of \$2550 $^{5}/_{100}$ consequently the actual balance due from the Treasury at that time was only \$183 $^{21}/_{100}$

The Committee further report. there has been Collected of the new Tax \$37.471 $^{87}/_{100}$

The amount of debts which the Corporation owe the Committee have not been able to ascertain with that Exactness they could wish. The Comptroller's Books do not furnish the necessary information but they have learned from other sources that the Corporation owe to the Manhattan Bank for money loaned (the principal and interest) amounting to \$102.715 $^{8}/_{100}$ that they owe upon Bonds given to Individuals after deducting what money has been already paid on them \$44.228 there is also Owing on Contracts for building Bridges Docks Piers &c^{a} the proportion which the Corporation is bound to pay is \$12.713 these several sums making altogether \$159.656 $^{8}/_{100}$ Dollars. It is expected that some part of this sum will be refunded by assessments that [262] are intended to be laid on New Streets that have been opened. It is not likely that more than \$40.000 can be raised from these assessments which will still leave \$119.656 $^{8}/_{100}$ to be provided for either by additional taxes or by the Sale of Public property for it is believed that the part of the Tax that still remains uncollected and the remainder of the Corporation revenue will scarcely

* Marginal note reads *respecting Engine House in Duane Street. Vid. 250.* —ED.

be sufficient to defray the Current Expences of the City during the year

All which is Submitted

January 5. 1807

Selah Strong
Wynant Van Zandt Jr

Ordered that the same be published.

Ordered that the Alderman and assistant of the Second Ward be authorised to discontinue the attendance of Constables at the Fly Market on Sundays

A report of the Street Commissioner together with the assessment for opening and continuing Broadway was referred to Mr Bogardus Alderman Roger Strong and Mr Depeyster

The following report was received from the Committee respecting the Cession of ground to the General Government for a Building to Cover a Park of Heavy Al[r]tillery. The Committee to whom was referred a Communication to the Mayor from the Secretary at War on the Subject of fortifying the City and Harbour of New York Report that from [263] the above mentioned Communication it appears, "That the Secretary at War is desirous that this Board should appropriate a Suitable site for a building to Cover a Heavy Park of Artillery mounted on travelling Carriages also certain parts of the intended projection of the Battery for the purpose of Constructing Batteries thereon for the protection of the City and a suitable site on each side of the northern part of the City for Erecting large wharves on which Batteries can be built for annoyance of any Vessels of War that may pass the other Batteries & attempt to Cannonade the City." And your Committee being of Opinion that [it] is incumbent on this Board to afford all the Aid & Co operation in their power to promote an Object so important to the safety welfare & happiness of their Constituents as the fortifying the City & Harbour of New York recommend the adoption of the following Resolution—Resolved that this Board will cheerfully appropriate and make over to the United States so much ground in a Central part of the City formerly the Collect and now marked A as shall be necessary for buildings to Cover a Heavy Park of Artillery together with all the Carriages and apparatus suitable for the same, or if the Secretary of War shall prefer a place more distant from the populous part of the City for that purpose that he may be at liberty to Select a Sufficient quantity of ground at the Old Potters Field about three miles from the City and also so much of the intended projection of the Battery being ground

at present under Water [264] & marked B as shall in the Judgment of an Engineer to be appointed on the part of the United States be proper for works of defence to the whole extent of the Corporation right viz about four hundred feet into the water

Also a suitable Site for Erecting a Battery & wharf on the North River near Rhinelanders & marked C including as much Land & ground under water as shall be necessary for those objects on condition that the necessary measures be forthwith taken & continued on the part of the United States for carrying the contemplated Objects of fortifications & defence into complete Effect—Resolved that the Mayor be requested to transmit without delay a Copy of the preceding report & resolutions to the Secretary at War Nich^{s} Fish Chairman W Van Zandt J^{r} J. D. Miller Ordered that the same be confirmed

Ordered that the Canal Committee be directed to consider and report upon the propriety of immediately paying the Bonds given for ground for regulating Canal Street

Ordered that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be directed to report the most Œconomical way of filling in the Collect

A Petition of Nicholas Anderson was received for the office of an Inspector of Bread

The Board proceeded to ballot for a [265] Comptroller instead of Isaac Stoutenburgh resigned Jacob Morton Esquire having the greatest number of Votes was accordingly appointed

Resolved that Thomas Gill one of the Weigh Masters appointed by this board be and he is hereby removed from office

Alderman Ritter moved the following resolution

Resolved that William Peterson be removed from his office of Captain of the City Night Watch in second District. also that John A. Crolius be removed from his office as Bread Inspector. A division was called upon each Branch of the said resolution Separately The Division being taken with respect to the removal of William Peterson the same was carried as follows To wit

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Le Roy	M^{r} Depeyster	Alderman Mott
S. Strong	Mulligan	Wood
Van Zandt	Haight	Miller
Fish	Morris	M^{r} Hopper
R. Strong	Bogardus	Ludlam
Ritter		Demarest

The division was then taken upon so much of the said resolution as directs the removal of John A Crolius the same was carried in the affirmative the votes being the same as in the preceding division

Alderman Roger Strong moved the [266] following resolution—Resolved that Gad Dumbolton be removed and he is hereby removed from the office he now holds as Captain of the Watch of the third Watch District

A division being taken thereupon the same was carried in manner following to wit

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Le Roy	Mr Depeyster	Alderman Mott
S. Strong	Mulligan	Wood
Fish	Haight	Miller
Van Zandt	Demarest	Mr Hopper
R. Strong	Morris	Ludlam
Ritter	Bogardus	

The board proceeded to ballot for Captains of *of* the Watch instead of William Peterson and Gad Dumbolton removed and for an Inspector of Bread instead of John A. Crolius removed. The following persons having the greatest number of Votes were accordingly appointed. John Farrington Captain of the Watch for the Second district Jacob Hays Captain of the Watch for the third district and William M. Summers an Inspector of Bread

Mr Haight moved the following resolution Resolved that John Payne be and is hereby removed from the office of Inspector of firewood

A Division being taken upon the said resolution [267] the same was carried as follows To wit

Affirmative		Negative
Alderman Le Roy	Mr Depeyster	Alderman Mott
S. Strong	Mulligan	Wood
Van Zandt	Haight	Miller
Fish	Morris	Mr Hopper
Ritter		Demarest
		Ludlam

The Board then proceeded to ballot for an Inspector of wood instead of John Payne removed and Jacob Tabele having the greatest number of votes was appointed accordingly

Resolved that so much of the tenth Inspection District as is comprised in Varick and Bonsalls Bason with the Entrance and front wharf to the Center of partition Street Pier be and is hereby allotted to Jacob Tabele

And further resolved that the remainder of *of* said tenth District together with the Bulk head of Corporation Bason heretofore be-

longing to the Eleventh District be and is hereby allotted to John Younge

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issued Warrts

No	878	Anthony Dey for Costs in the suits against Mr Grant pursuant to order of December 8	$42.26
	879	John H. Sickels treasurer of Building Committee to pay for Marble	1000.
	880	Jacob Morton to pay Cartmen for riding Dirt into Collect..	462.81
[268]	881	John Pintard a quarters Salary	312.50
	882	Elam Williams a lost fire Bucket	2.
	883	Edward Moran—Services	54.
	884	Andrew Otterson Do	54.
	885	James Hardie Do	62.50
	886	Samuel Montgomery and David Saffin for attending Fly Market on Sundays	34.

[269] In Common Council January 12. 1807

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	Esquires Assistants
Nicholas Fish		John W. Mulligan	
Selah Strong		Thomas Demarest	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Robert Bogardus	
John P. Ritter		Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller		Andrew Morris	
Roger Strong		Benjamin Haight	
Thurston Wood		Gerard Depeyster	
		John Hopper Junior	

A Communication respecting the situation of John Guest recommending him to fill some Easy Office was ordered to be filed

An application of a committee of the American Academy of Arts requesting the Consent and Concurrence of the Common Council in behalf of their proposed request to the Legislature for the liberty of Erecting a Building on the Public Ground fronting the Battery was referred to Alderman Van Zandt Messieurs Depeyster and Torbert*

[270] †An Application of Robert Lilburn for a deed of the Common Lands granted to him. the Boundaries thereof have been Adjusted by Samuel Stilwell City Surveyor in 1804 was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Communication of Gurdon S. Mumford and George Clinton

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 282.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 171.*—Ed.

Junior Esquires our respresentatives in Congress respecting the petition for fortifying the Harbor was read and filed

An application of Messrs Collins and Perkins to supply Stationary and perform the printing of the Board was referred to the City Inspector

A representation of Benjamin Romaine respecting Henry Henderson confined at the suit of the Corporation for $50 for arrearages due on Manure sold him by Samuel Hutchings was referred to the Comptroller

An application of John Charles stating his Intention to build on the lot N° 13 Chatham Street was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Thomas Stagg and others owners of Lots in Front Street between Peck and New Slips to have the same regulated was referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Adam and Noah Brown for a grant of water in front of their Lots near north Street was referred to the Comptroller*

[271] A Petition of William Mathews for an allowance of $200 upon his Contract for building Walls adjoining the Bridge near the Powder House was referred to the road Committee

A Petition of Peter G. Stuyvesant and others for the regulation of Stuyvesant Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

A representation of Abraham Stagg requesting that the Height of Canal Street be determined was referred to the Canal Committee

A return of Abraham Stagg of the delinquents in the assessment of Bedlow Street was received Ordered that a Warrant Issue

A Petition of B and H. Morgan for a renewal of their Lease of two lots at Peck Slip was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Peter Lorillard for payment of Land taken from [him] for making Canal Street was referred to the Canal Committee

On receiving a report from the Watch Committee ordered that a Watch Box be placed at the Corner of Pearl and Pine Streets and a Watchman of the first Watch District be stationed there

Alexander Denniston and Isaac Little were appointed Firemen of Company N° 1 instead of Thomas L. Rich appointed fire Warden and Jacob Gerrard resigned

Ordered that an Error in the account for filling in the Collect of nine Dollars be rectified and that a warrant issue therefor in favor of the Comptroller

[272] Ordered that the Engine in the Hands of Mr Hardenbrook be delivered to Company N° 1

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 33.*—ED.

A representation from the Superintendant of the Alms House was referred to Mr Morris. Demarest and Ludlam

A report of the Street Commissioner relative to Ground at the Collect was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

The following report was received from the Street Commissioner relative to the tenants in Chatham Street—The Street Commissioner has the Honor to represent to the Board that an application of the Tenants of the Corporation in Chatham Street to be released from part of the Expence of repairing that Street was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner who presented a report thereon to the Board on the 3 November last recommending a Warrant for 169 $^{5}/_{100}$ Dollars to be issued in favor of the Comptroller to pay off the several persons therein Expressed

The Street Commissioner has understood that the report was agreed to. But the warrant has not been made out. owing probably to the Circumstance of the account coming in form of a report

The Tenants are frequently applying for their portions of this money which has been advanced by them Twelve months ago

The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that the warrant be directed to be made out according to the Conditions of the said report a Copy of which is here [273] with presented

All which is respectfully Submitted

Street Commr Office
January 12. 1807

John S. Hunn
St Comr

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that warrants issue accordingly

Resolved that the Second assessment for filling the Fly Market Slip and building the Bulk Head be confirmed and that the Collector be instructed to Collect the monies agreeably to the principles of the first assessment

A report of the City Inspector respecting proposals of Printers was postponed until the next meeting

Street Commissioners report relating to Jury Cases in Jay Street Chamber & Burling Slip was confirmed and Samuel Cowdry ordered to report Ordinances in conformity

City Inspector reported ordinances for Correcting Nuisances from No 2924 to 2949 inclusive [which] was passed

City Inspectors report on the proposals of John T. Crane and Samuel Hutchings for farming the privilege of Collecting manure was referred to the Committee for revising laws

Report of the Attorney in favor of remitting the fine recovered against Adam Pentz was confirmed

[274] Representation of Oliver Jacques Collector respecting the distraining goods the property of John Requa and his doubts of the Legality of the measure—Referred to the Attorney of the Board

Resolved that another Inspector of Wood be appointed and that the usual form of appointing by Ballot be dispensed with

Resolved That John Paine be appointed Inspector of firewood.

Resolved that the East side of Peck Slip be assigned to John Young Inspector of wood in place of his present situation on the North River

Resolved that John Paine Inspector of Wood Occupy the place held by John Young on the north River and that the Alderman and assistant of the third ward further assign to said Paine such additional part of the bulk Head on Washington Street as they may deem proper

Resolved that Messrs Morris Haight & Hopper be a committee to enquire into the expediency of appointing an Inspector of Stone & Bricks

Resolved that hereafter the Common Council meet in the front Court room in the City Hall

Resolved that the Committee lately appointed to Enquire into the state of the Public funds be a Committee to report to the Board the state of the Several Offices of the Corporation how they have been conducted and in what manner the Public accounts have been kept and also whether a greater number of assistants or [275] attendants are not employed in the said Offices than are necessary

The proposition from Benjamin Romaine offering his Bond with interest payable in one year for a Lot purchased by him in the Common lands was referred to the Comptroller

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issued Warrants

No	887	Philip J. Arcularius for support of Alms House	.....	$3000.
	880	Jacob Morton a mistake in the last Collect account	.....	9.
	889	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	.....	257. 4
	890	William Van Wart	Do	252.66
	891	Magnus Beekman	Do	233. 6
	892	William Peterson	Do	139.82
	893	Charles Van Orden	Do	177.94
	894	Jacob Hays	Do	90.72
	895	William Kay for digging a well	.....	23.

No	896	Robert Brown Carting Dirt to white Hall Slip.....	$38.
	897	Andrew Leary Carpenters work.....	38.50
	898	William Leary Do	30.
	899	Cornelius Warner—Salary	156.50
	900	Benjamin Kip Carting Watch Boxes.....	3.25
	901	Robert Merrit Collecting Timber.....	1.25
	902	William P. Roome for Services.....	52.
	903	Samuel Stilwell for Surveying.....	62.50
	904	Jacob Morton to pay Miss Valiant for balance on Colours	50.

[276] In Common Council January 19. 1807

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott Nicholas Fish Roger Strong Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt Junior John P. Ritter Selah Strong John D Miller	Esquires Aldermen	John Hopper Junior Thomas Demarest Andrew Morris Benjamin Haight Robert Bogardus Samuel Torbert Gerard Depeyster John W. Mulligan Stephen Ludlam	Esquires Assistants

A Communication was received concerning the Free School lately Established in this City and referred to Alderman Van Zandt. Mr Torbert and Morris

A Petition of Several of the Watchmen for an Increase of pay was referred to the Watch Committee

An Account for interest on the Bond to the Estate of Cornelius Clopper a Bond to John Stilwell [277] a petition of Thomas Dick for payment of his Bond and a petition of Stephen Paret for payment of a claim for Stone were Severally referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Gersham Ludlam for a Butchers Stand was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Henry Astor and others for a fire Engine House was referred to the Alderman and assistants of the Seventh and Eighth wards together with the Chief Engineer

A Petition of Elnathan Underhill for a Butchers Stand was referred to the Market Committee

A Representation of the Grand Jury against Lottery Offices was referred to the Committee on the revision of the Laws

A Petition for a Watchman to be stationed near Lispenards Meadows was referred to the Watch Committee

The Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Superintendant of the Alms House on the Subject of Compensation to be allowed to Charles McPherson who has been appointed by him to investigate the claims and real situation of applicants for assistance reported that they have enquired into the Services of Mr McPherson and find him to be an useful and intelligent man and his appointment a necessary one and recommend an allowance of Twelve Shillings per day Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Comptroller to whom was referred [278] the case of Henry Henderson who was confined in goal for the sum of $50 being the arrearages on the Sale of manure to him reported that—he had visited him in prison and found him Extremely indigent with a family to maintain and that upon consulting with the Mayor and several of the Aldermen he directed the Attorney of the Corporation to take a note from Henderson for the debt and Costs and to liberate him thereupon. Ordered that the said report be confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents in the assessments for regulating Broadway between Prince and Great Jones Streets and for altering the sewer in Roosevelt Street. Ordered that Warrants issue

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances for assessment of the sums due for the property taken to Widen Jay Street from Greenwich to Washington Streets for removing a Shop near Burling Slip and for removing a House Standing in Chamber Street—Ordered that the same pass. that Elias Burger. Ezra Weeks. Leonard Lispenard. John P. Groshon and John I. Westervelt be appointed assessors for Jay Street. Henry Ten Brook John Griffith. John Depeyster. Daniel Cromwell and Isaac Burr be appointed assessors for removing the Shop near Burling Slip and Grove Wright. Joshua Barker. William Dustan. Robert Buchan and John I. Westervelt for removing the House in Chamber Street

The Street Commissioner reported the assessment for opening Amity Street Ordered that the same be [279] confirmed

Ordered that the suit against Dominick Lynch be discontinued upon his payment of Costs

Amos Underhill. Grocer—George Lord. Carpenter Job Furman. Carpenter—John White. Grocer—Jacob Bolmer. Cartman—Daniel Williams. Carpenter—Thomas Fairweather Shoemaker and John Strang. Carpenter were appointed additional firemen to Company No 2 David I. Secor was appointed a fireman to Company No 27 George Gilpin Currier and William Lawrence Currier were appointed Firemen

to Company N° 7 instead of Henry Ortley and Jeremiah Warner resigned and James Lorton was appointed a fireman of Company N° 27 instead of James Riker resigned

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from N° 2950 to 2975 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

The City Inspector also reported that the Chief Fire Warden requests the liberty of having Blank returns printed of delinquents under the fire law. Ordered that the same be printed accordingly

Dirck Ten Broeck was appointed an assessor in the ordinance for regulating the upper part of Broadway instead of Alderman Fish whose appointment is vacant on account his having become a member of this Board

A report of the Lamp Committee respecting [280] placing Lamps in Stuyvesant Street was received Ordered that the said report be recommitted to the said Committee with power to direct Lamps to be there. if they shall think proper

Resolved that the City Inspector complete a Contract for printing with Messrs Southwick & Hardcastle upon the Terms Stated in his report for one year and that the Board Ballot for such person

The Board proceeded to ballot for a name or names to fill such Blank—Southwick and Hardcastle having the greatest number of Votes the said Blank was ordered to be filled with their names

Resolved that the Comptroller present to this Board at the next meeting the usual Annual Estimate for the Tax necessary to defray the Expences of the Current year and that he also present the draft of a Bill and an application to the Legislature

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issued Warrts

N°	905	Samuel Myers Attending as a Witness	$15.
	906	I Bouker for work at the Bridge and Road near Henry Posts	700.
	907	William Mathews on Contract at Powder House Hill	200.
	908	Gad Dumbolton for City Watch	80.20
	909	Mathew Dikeman work to pumps	115.18
	910	Isaac Blew Carpenters work	27.50
	911	John Martin for Cartage	3.55
	912	Day and Warts for painting	79.76
	913	James Horner for work to wells	109.75
[281]	914	Arbuckle, Stoudinger and Wilson Carpenters work	16.56
	915	Deklyn & Cunningham for Timber	303.27
	916	Jones Son and Clinch for Cordage	5.41

N°	917	Mathew Dikeman for Pumps	$119.25
	918	Henry D. Tripp for taking charge of Park	38.75
	919	Charles Morris Carpenters work	47.90
	920	Isaac Keeler Carpenters work	66. 3
	921	John S. Hunn a quarters Salary	375.
	922	Estate of Theophilus Beekman a quarters Salary as assistant Justice	250.
	923	Jacob De La Montagnie a quarters Salary as assistant Justice	250.
	924	Bernard O'Blenis a quarters Salary as Clerk to assistant Justices	250.
	925	Alexander Morton for Cartage	71.
	926	Daniel Woolsey for work at White Hall Slip	717.18
	927	John H. Sickles for use of building Committee	500.
	928	Jacob Morton to pay the tenants in Chatham Street pursuant to order of last meeting	169.49

[282] In Common Council January 26. 1807

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Selah Strong Roger Strong Wynant Van Zandt Junior John P. Ritter John D Miller	Esquires Alderman	Stephen Ludlam Samuel Torbert John Hopper Junior John W. Mulligan Andrew Morris Gerard Depeyster Benjamin Haight Robert Bogardus

Assistants

*Upon receiving the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Communication of a Committee of the Academy of Arts. Resolved that this board will lease to the Academy of Arts one or more Lots of ground on Broadway on such terms and conditions as shall hereafter be agreed on between this Board and the Academy of Arts

An application of the Corporation of Trinity Church to fix the lines of Washington and Greenwich Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

An application of William Edgar and others [283] that this board apply to the Legislature to purchase the Government House and grounds was referred to Alderman Van Zandt. Mr Torbert and Mr Mulligan

A Petition of Catharine Westervelt and others for a Water Grant was referred to the Comptroller

* Marginal note reads *See P. 269.*—ED.

A Petition of Jonathan Spader for compensation on account of an Injury done to his building by the Regulation of Mulberry Street was referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Eighth ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Jacob Morton and others for additional Watchmen in the Eighth ward was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Elizabeth R. Skaats stating that she is injured by digging out a lot in Church Street was referred to the alderman and assistant of the fifth Ward

A resignation of Thomas Bartow as a City Weigher was received and accepted and Anthony V Bartow was appointed in his stead

Petitions of David Lydig and Isaac Cock for a renewal of their Leases were referred to the Comptroller

A Petition from Kay & Horner stating that a balance is due to them from the Commissioner of Public repairs being monies received by him from the Corporation for their use was referred to the Committee [284] appointed to enquire into the manner in which the Offices of this Board are conducted

A Complaint of William Mooney against John K. Floor and William Warlow. Butchers was referred to the Market Committee

The following report was received To wit The Committee to whom the petition of Andrew R. Miller Henry Doyer and others relative to the improper practices of several auctioneers

Report—That the present ordinance regulating Sales at Auction is sufficient to prevent the Evils complained of. if properly enforced

The Committee therefore recommend that the City Inspector without delay cause a Copy of the said Ordinance to be served upon each of the said Auctioneers and at the same time inform them by a notice signed by himself that Complaints are so frequently made and appear to be so well founded of the non observance of the said Ordinance—hereafter Breach of the said Ordinance will be noticed and the penalties Exacted Jan. 26. 1807 Rob^{t} Bogardus—Step^{h} Ludlam—Benj^{a} Haight Ordered that the same be confirmed

Upon receiving a report of the Committee to whom was referred the application of the Trustees of the Free School. Resolved that this Board will Contribute Dollars towards defraying [285] the Expence of building a School House for the purpose of Educating the Children of the poor of the City

The Committee to whom was referred the report and papers relative to the ordinance to raise the deficiency of the Estimate of the

Assessors for repairing Roosevelt Street reported their opinion that the said Ordinance ought to be passed Ordered that the said report be confirmed; and that John Clarke and Jacob Drake, John Abeel. John Brown and Simeon Skelling be appointed assessors

Robert McGill Grocer and Joseph Labrey Cartmen were appointed firemen of Company N° 23 in the stead of Elijah Briggs and Tunis Egbert resigned and that Joseph Pudney be appointed a fireman to Company N° 24 instead of William Waters resigned

A Petition to regulate Crosby Street from Hester to Grand Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner reports an assessment for regulating Pitt or Elm Street from Hester to Grand Street—ordered that the same be confirmed and that Waters Furman be appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment of the intersections of Washington Street Ordered that the same be Confirmed

Ordered that the Street Commissioner [286] be appointed to Collect the assessment of Amity Street

*A report of the Street Commissioner respecting the Jury Empannelled to Estimate the damages for the Albany Avenue was referred to the Committee on the revision of the Laws

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance to regulate Ridge Street from Stanton to Delancy Street—Ordered that Ezekiel Bishop. Whitehead Hicks. William Hunter Benjamin Thurston and John Youle be appointed Assessors

A report of the Committee on the petition of Patrick McKay praying a Compensation for damages Occasioned by the late riot was referred to the Counsel of the Board

On receiving the report of the Street Commissioner Ordered that warrants issue to Messieurs Anderson and Allen for the three Instalments due to them from Mr Goelet for the Whitehall and Exchange piers

A Bill of the fees for Assessing the Albany Avenue was referred to the Counsel of the board and Comptroller

Ordered that the Comptroller give notice to all persons having claims against the [287] Corporation to present the same

The Comptroller presented an Estimate of the City Expences for the year 1807 and also the draft of a bill to raise the same by Tax and the draft of a petition to the Legislature for the passage of the

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 18 P. 435.*—ED.

said bill Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Blank in the said petition be filled with $120,000

Upon receiving the report of the Comptroller Ordered that he be Authorised to sell the Stone at Hell Gate

The Watch Committee reported in favour of stationing a Watchman at Lispenards Meadows Ordered that they be empowered to direct the same and to have a Watch Box made

Resolved that the Opinion of the Counsel of the Board be requested to the following case

An assessment for opening a Street is made and Confirmed by the Common Council and part of the monies Collected—if, it should be discovered in that Stage of the business that two of the assessors were interested, can this Board revoke or rescind the assessment?

A report was received from the Canal Committee, and the Consideration thereof postponed

Alderman Selah Strong, Mr Mulligan [288] and Mr Ludlam were appointed a Committee to revise the petition to appoint Commissioners for laying out the Streets in this City

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the Correction and removal of nuisances numbered from 2976 to 3000 inclusive Ordered that the same pass the Board

Resolved that Cornelius Warner be discharged from being Superintendant of public repairs to this Board

A question being taken upon the preceding resolution and a division called the same was carried in the Affirmative as follows To wit

	Affirmative	
Alderman	Van Zandt	Mr Depeyster
	Selah Strong	Morris
	Roger Strong	Bogardus
	Ritter	Mulligan
		Haight
	Negative	
	Mott	Ludlam
	Demarest	Torbert
	Hopper	

[289] The following resolution being proposed by Mr Bogardus To wit Resolved that Philip J. Arcularius be and he is hereby removed from the Office of Superintendant of the Alms House from and after the first Monday of February next and that he on that [date] deliver up to this board all the papers vouchers and other property belonging to the said Alms House

A division being called on the said resolution the same was carried as follows to wit

	Affirmative	
Alderman	Van Zandt	Mr Depeyster
	Selah Strong	Morris
	Roger Strong	Bogardus
	Ritter	Mulligan
		Haight
	Negative	
Alderman	Mott	Mr Demarest
	Miller	Hopper
	Wood	Ludlam
		Torbert

Resolved that the road Committee be authorised to receive Estimates for removing the rock out of the New or Middle (Manhattan Avenue) road and report the same to this board

Resolved that the Committee heretofore [290] appointed to take charge of the Office of Comptroller together with the Comptroller be a Committee to ascertain and report to this board with all Convenient Speed

The revenue and monies belonging to or received by this board from the first Monday in December 1804 to the first Monday in December 1806.

The amount of monies paid by this board and to whom and particularly for what purpose the same was so paid—The amount of the monies paid by this board upon assessments and which by the law are to be refunded and also the amount of Materials for the New Hall paid for and on hand on each of the said days

Resolved that Peter Fenton be appointed assessor for Jay Street in the room of Joshua Barker declined

Resolved that Mr Bogardus Alderman Roger Strong and Mr Torbert be a Committee to Consider of what improvements the Police department may be susceptible

The following resolution being proposed To wit—Resolved that the place of John Peterson Keeper of the Flag Staff on the Battery be vacated

A division being taken thereupon the same was Carried in the affirmative—The Yeas and nays [291] being the same as upon the removal of Mr Arcularius

Resolved that another person be appointed to take charge of the Flag Staff. the board proceeded to ballot accordingly and the Widow Keefe having the greatest number of votes was appointed

William Brower was appointed a Weigh Master

Alderman Roger Strong
Mr Bogardus
Mulligan
} were appointed a Committee to devise a System for the better regulation of the Alms House.

Alderman Roger Strong
Mott
Miller
} were appointed a Committee to enquire and report with respect to the Mayors Salary and Clerks Office

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants on the Treasurer to pay

Issd Warrants Nos			
929	Nicholas Lawrence City Watch		$237.16
930	William Van Wart	Do	237.16
931	Magnus Beekman	Do	217.56
932	John Farrington	Do	310.80
933	Charles Van Orden	Do	158.76
934	Jacob Hays	Do	158.76
935	John A. Crolius balance as Inspector of Bread		43.44
936	Lewis Ford Carpenters work		56.62
937	Elias Haviland	Do	32.
938	Cornelius C. Van Alen for interest on Bonds due the Estate of Cornelius Clopper		1250.
940	James Horner for digging a Well		40.
941	James Patten for Iron work		807.18
942	Jacob Smith inventing a Reel to a fire Engine		12.
	John Anderson for Instalments due from Mr Goelet on White Hall & Exchange Slips		275.44
[292]	To Allen for instalments due from Mr Goelet on White Hall and Exchange Slips		$117. 7

[293] *In Common Council February 9th 1807

Present, Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder.

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Stephen Ludlam	Assistants
Selah Strong		Samuel Torbert	
Roger Strong		John Hopper Junior	
Wynant Van Zandt Junior		Gerard De Peyster	
Nicholas Fish		Andrew Morris	
John P. Ritter		Robert Bogardus	
Jacob Le Roy			
Thurston Wood			

An Application of Samuel M. Hopkins that the Rent of Ground to be leased to the academy of Arts may be fixed was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of William Hardenbrook & others that the fire Engine

* Marginal note reads *N.B. See the Meeting of the second of February 1807 entered after the sixteenth Instant see Page. 312.*—ED.

N° 19 may be permitted to remain in its present station was received and granted

Jeremiah Sproull House Carpenter. Moses Marsh House Carpenter. Stephen Beagle Grocer Jordan Downing House Carpenter. Abraham Anderson House Carpenter and Jasper Miller Boat Builder were appointed Firemen to Engine N° 2 and Peter Yerrick was appointed a Fireman to Company N° 26.

[294] A Petition of James Skaats to be appointed a Watchman was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Philip Brasher to be exonerated as Security of the Estate of John Munro was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of William Rutledge for an Allowance for a Pump was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward

Richard L. Mott was appointed a fire Warden in the Sixth Ward instead of Stephen Ludlam Elected a member of this board

Upon receiving the Application of John Tiebout Ordered that the Deed Lot N° 31 Enclinburgh be drawn in the name of Howard Furman

Ordered that John C. Shaw be permitted to Assign his Lease of the Lot N° 73 in the Common Lands to John Rivington

A Petition of Elizabeth Laight for a Settlement of her claim was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

The Comptroller reported that he has examined the Accounts and Vouchers of DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor of the City of New York for money received by him for Market fees from the first day of November 1805 to the first day of November 1806 inclusive. that it appears that the Mayor has received from the Deputy Clerk of the Market Seven thousand four hundred and twenty three Dollars and five Cents exclusive of Fees of Collection and expences of sweeping and Cleaning the Markets [295] That the Mayor has retained one half of the said Sum to his own use and has paid to Daniel Phœnix the balance of said Account being $4288 $^{8}/_{100}$

The Comptroller further reports that he has examined the accounts of the Mayor for monies received and paid out by him on Tavern Licences from the first of November. 1805. to the first of November 1806 inclusive. that he has received for 1759 Licences the Sum of $6956 $^{25}/_{100}$. That he has retained by agreement $^{3}/_{10}$ of the said Sum to his own use, and that he has paid $128 $^{56}/_{100}$ for Sundry charges and Printing. Stationary Copies of Charts Laws &c. That he has paid $200 as Counsel fees to Messieurs E Benson and Emmett in Controversies of Powder house Land and Powles Hook Claims and to

Daniel Phoenix City Treasurer the balance of said Account $3711. 53/100

New York February 1807. Jacob Morton
Comptroller

Ordered that the said Report be confirmed

The Committee on that Subject reported the following Draft of a Petition to the Legislature to enable this Board to appoint its own Clerk

To the Honorable the Members of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

Respectfully Sheweth

[296] That your Petitioners relying on the Wisdom of your Honorable Body to aid them in any useful and reasonable Measures which they may request to have adopted relative to the concerns of the Corporation of the City or the Interest of the Citizens

Respectfully pray that a Law may be passed relieving and restraining the Common Clerk as denominated in the Charter of the said City now usually called the Clerk of the City and County of New York for the time being, for ever after the passing such Law from doing or performing any duties or services or [o]therwise acting in any way or manner whatsoever as Clerk of the Common Council. And that your Petitioners, the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty in Common Council convened may by such Law be Authorized and empowered to choose and appoint a Clerk of the Common Council and to remove such Clerk and appoint another from time to time at the Pleasure of the Common Council

And Your Petitioners will ever Pray &c

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Copy of the same be transmitted to the Legislature under the Seal of this Board

Ordered that this Board will allow to Thomas Williams driver of the Public Hearse the Sum of Fifty Dollars for his past Services and that his Salary in future cease

The following Report was received from the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Application from the Corporation of Trinity [297] Church to have the lines of Washington & Greenwich Streets established has the Honor to Report

That he attended with Mr Barrow and Mr Loss upon the premises to consult upon the best positions from which to run the lines of

said Streets and that they were unanimously of Opinion that it would be most conducive to the Interest of the Individuals proprietors of property and beneficial to the public to run Greenwich Street from Village Street as pourtrayed on the printed Copy Maps and to coincide with a Street running through Richard Amos's Ground at Greenwich. That it would be adviseable to run Washington Street on a straight line from Brannon Street to the Street in front of the State Prison and that West Best Street be continued from a Point One hundred and ninety feet West of Washington Street at Brannon Street to the Westerly Wall of the State Prison yard agreeably to the Plan thereof made by Charles Loss and herewith presented

The Street Commissioner is authorised to inform the Board That the Corporation of Trinity Church will submit to such line as they may think most to the advantage of the Public, and that they will prefer these lines to any others that have been heretofore proposed for the reasons above mentioned. and because they have sold Mr Astor a Tract of Land which will be trenched upon by any other plan

The Intersecting Streets deleniated upon the Map as such as the Corporation of Trinity Church have long since laid out and which they will so cede being Sixty five feet wide and of Suitable distances [298] there will be no objection no doubt to them

Trinity Church is about disposing of part of the premises above described and wish these lines permanently adopted to effect which the Street Commissioner proposes the following Resolutions vizt

1st Resolved that the Easterly line of Greenwich Street extending Northerly from Village Street be run from the Northwesterly corner of a Dwelling house standing on the South Easterly corner of the Intersection of Village & Greenwich Streets in a direct line to the North Westerly corner of a Dwelling house built by Richard Amos on the East side of a Street opened through his Ground as the Continuation of Greenwich Street. and that the said Greenwich Street be Sixty six feet wide measureing Westerly from the line aforesaid and at right angles thereto

2nd Resolved that the Westerly line of Washington Street extending Northerly from Brannon Street and run from a point Two hundred and twenty feet from the Westerly line of Greenwich Street (being ten feet Westerly of the Corner of a pole fence) on a straight line to the South Easterly corner of the State Prison Wall. and that the said Washington Street Sixty feet wide. measuring Easterly from the line aforesaid and at right Angles thereto. And

3d Resolved That the Easterly line of West Street extending Northerly from Brannon Street be run from a point on the North side of Brannon Street. Four hundred and ten feet from the Westerly [299] *Westerly* line of Greenwich Street on a straight line to the most Southerly corner of the State Prison Wall and that the same be Seventy feet wide measuring Westerly therefrom and at right angles.

All which is respectfully Submitted

Febr 9th 1807. John S. Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board discontinue proceedings for the opening of Orchard Street

A Report of the City Inspector respecting using boats of a new Construction to avoid the Ice in the Winter Season was referred to the Ferry Committee

Upon receiving the Report of the Market Committee Ordered that Henry Lovell be permitted to Assign his Stand No 64 Flymarket to Elkanah Underhill. That a Stand in Grand Street Market be granted to Gershom Ludlam and that from and after the first *the first* of April next 125 Cents per Week be allowed to George Sugers for Sweeping Catharine Market

The Market Committee Reported that they have examined the Complaint of William Money against John K. Floor and William Warlow and that the same is unfounded

Ordered that the same be Confirmed

The City Inspector Reported Ordinances for the correction and removal of Nuisances numbered from [300] No 3034 to No 3057 Inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Recorder Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

No 960	Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch		$237.16
961	William Van Wart for	Do	237.16
962	Magnus Beekman for	Do	217.56
963	John Farrington for	Do	217.56
964	Charles Van Orden for	Do	168.56
965	Jacob Hays for	Do	168.56
966.	Alexander Dobbin for Carpenters Work		119.44
967	William Bridges for Surveying		36.50
968	Josiah Shippey Junr for Attending Observatory		13.
969	Anderson and Hurd for Timber		26.19
970	S. Gould and Company for Stationary		22.19
971	John McComb for Sand		15.
972	Adam D. Mount for lost fire bucket		2.

N°	973	John B. and J Brooks for Painting & Glazing	$5.68
	974	William Shatzel for Rent of Court Room	50.
	975	Benjamin Hill for Cartage	3.37
	976	John McKenzie Keeper of Potters Field	92.
	977	Benjamin Curtis Clerk of Election in the 9th Ward	4.
	978	Edward Meeks for Iron Work	367.50
	979	Edward Meeks for Iron Work	114.50
	980	Henry Hillman for Stone	114. 2
	981	Joseph Boyd for Carting	91.94
	982	Abraham Riker for Stone	21.81
	983	William Kay for Work at Wells	91.97
	984	John Woolsey for Work at White Hall	5.
	985	Lemuel Skidmore for Carting	15. 6
	986	Jacob Acker for Stone	70.
[301]	987	John Woolsey for Stone	35.
	988	Richard Jaques for Dirt	2.12
	989	Edward Sales for Masons Work	43.60
	990	Arbuckle & Stoudinger for Carting	9.37
	991	John Mackie for Timber	61. 8
	992	John L. Van Kleeck for Lime	18.37
	993	Thomas Riley for underpinning Stable at Hell Gate	3.
	994	Charles Morris for Carpenters Work	13.12
	995	Isaac Blew for Carpenters Work	30.
	996	John Burger Balance of Coroners fees	11.
	997	Israel Haviland making and mending Hose	531. 9
	998	Abel Hardenbrook on Account for Bill for Engine	500.
	999		
	1000	Jacob Morton for Dirt to Collect	1000.
	1001	John H. Sickels for Building Committee	1000.
	1002	Richard Furman for Support of the Alms house	2000.
	1003	John Clark for a lost fire bucket	2.
	1004	Thomas Williams for driving hearse	50.
	1005	Jacob Morton to pay the Extra fees of Inquest in the Case	
	1006	of David Thompson	38.

[302] In Common Council February 16th 1807

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Selah Strong		John W Mulligan	
Jacob Le Roy		Thomas Demarest	
John P. Ritter		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish	Esqrs Aldermen	John Hopper Junr	Assistants
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr		Robert Bogardus	
Roger Strong		Andrew Morris	

The Petition of David Fowler to obtain a Lease of Lots the property of the Corporation in Magazine Street was referred to the Comptroller

A Representation of John Fellows Superintendant of the Manhattan Water Works stating that the Manhattan Company have paid $32.22 for regulating Cross Street more than their proportion and which Sum by right ought to be charged to George Janeway together with a Certificate of the Street Commissioner to that effect was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The Petition of Oliver Vanderbilt to [303] Purchase and Lease a Lot of Common Land adjoining Archibald McCullum and the Haerlem line was referred to the Comptroller

The Petition of James Davidson and others requesting that a Lamp might be placed at the corner of Washington and Vestry Streets was referred to the Lamp Committee

The Petition of Abraham Ressegue praying to be appointed Inspector of Wood was Ordered to lay over for Consideration

The Petition of Thomas White and others praying that Orange Street be regulated from Hester to Grand Street was referred to the Street Commissioner

The Report of Jacob Hays Captain of the Watch for the third district was referred to the Watch Committee

The Street Commissioner reported the Assessment for regulating Ridge Street between DeLancey and Stanton Streets amounting to $668. which was confirmed and Simon Ackerman appointed Collector

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the Petition of Edward W Laight in behalf of Elizabeth Laight recommending a Warrant to be Issued on the Treasurer in favour of Edward W Laight for the Sum of $708 $^{84}/_{100}$ being the amount Assessed to the Corporation for opening Cherry Street was confirmed and a question respecting Doctor Romaines Deed which is said to exempt him from any expence for opening Streets in the vicinity of the Lands ceded by him to the Corporation for Public Streets was referred to Messrs Bogardus. Mulligan & Roger Strong

[304] The following Resolution reported by the Street Commissioner was adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed forthwith to require all persons appointed by this Board Collectors of money on Assessments confirmed previous to the first day of May last a particular and prompt Settlement of the Monies by them received on said Assessments respectively and a return on Oath of such Sums as they have not Collected and in case they do not in one week after such settlement pay the same to such persons as shall be duly Authorized to receive the same that they shall offer Satisfactory security

therefor and—Resolved further that in case of the delinquency of said Collectors to comply with the conditions specified in the foregoing Resolution the Street Commissioner shall be and is hereby directed and appointed to prosecute the same to effect in behalf of this Board

The Street Commissioner Reports respecting the damages Occasioned by the late heavy Rain in Hester Street and recommending that Ordinances be passed directing the Lots adjoining said Street to be filled up was adopted and the Ordinances reported in Conformity were passed

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the proposition of Robert Thompson assessed $1747 for opening amity Street to be indulged in the extension of time for payment of the same was Ordered to lay over for Consideration

The following Memorial to the Legislature with a Bill in Conformity therewith was read and [305] Approved and the Seal of the Common Council Ordered to be thereunto affixed—viz[t]

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened most respectfully Sheweth

That the laying out Streets and Roads in the City of New York form a branch of their duties highly interesting and important. The necessity of projecting them in such a manner as to unite regularity and order with the public convenience and benefit and in particular to promote the health of the City must be obvious in the prosecution of this subject however various and complicated difficulties and embarresments exists. The first which naturally presents itself is a radical defect in the power of your memorialists any regulation however promotive of utility adopted by one Board unless carried fully into execution may be disregarded or annulled by its successors: There are others equally palpable and of very considerable magnitude. The diversity of Sentiments and opinions which has heretofore existed and probably will always exist among the members of the Common Council, the incessant remonstrances of proprietors against plans however well devised or beneficial wherein their individual Interests do not concur and the Impossibility of completing those plans thus opposed but by a tedious and expensive course of Law are obstacles of a serious and very perplexing nature

[306] As these evils are continually Accumulating by reason of our increasing population and the rise of frequent Subdivisions of prop-

erty. Your Memorialists find it necessary to appeal to the Wisdom of the Legislature for relief in the premises

Your memorialists do therefore pray that such measures may be adopted by your Honorable Body as will obviate the Difficulties which at present lie in the way of public improvements in the City of New York or at least in such parts thereof as shall appear most susceptable of advantage from the interposition of your Honorable Body

The Recorder was requested to forward the preceeding Memorial and Bill to the Hon^ble^ DeWitt Clinton

A Law for the appointment of a Superintendant of Streets was passed

Alderman Selah Strong gave notice that he should move for a reconsideration of the preceeding Law at the next meeting

A Petition of Charles Christian and others that Pitt Street may be regulated was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Lawrence Heyer praying to Lease a part of the Lot of Ground N° 103. Chatham Street to John Sullivan Jun^r^ was referred to the Comptroller

An Aplication of the Widow Nestle to purchase a Small Gore of Ground the property of the Corporation in Chatham Street adjoining her premises was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Rutledge praying the [307] usual allowance for a Pump and well placed by him for the Public accomodation at the corner of Bowery Lane and Spring Street Reported that Forty Dollars be granted in favour of the Petitioner which was confirmed and a Warrant Ordered to be Issued accordingly

Resolved that the Accounts of the late Superintendant of the Alms house be referred to the Comptroller and Supervisors for Settlement

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to settle the account of Jacob M^c^Keag Lessee of Horns Hook Ferry. upon said M^c^Keags making Oath to the truth of the same and that a Warrant be Issued in his favour for the balance due him

Resolved that a Warrant be Issued in favour of Oliver Jaques Collector for $122.63 for Sums assessed to the Corporation for the paving Intersections in Washington Street opposite the Corporation Dock

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to contract on behalf of this Board with such person or persons as he may think

proper for the removing a certain Rock in the Middle Road (Manhattan Avenue) Provided the same shall not exceed Eight hundred Dollars

Resolved that the Comptroller without delay call on the several Collectors of the City Taxes and ascertain from them the amount of the monies collected by them and remaining in their hands and that they pay the same within five days into the Treasury

[308] Resolved that the Committee to whom was referred the finances of the former Board be requested to report on the same on or before the first day of March next

Resolved that the allowance for keeping the Observatory at the Alms house be and the same is hereby discontinued

Resolved that no person be hereafter appointed a Watchman for the City of New York unless the Watch Committee shall have reported to the Board that they have seen the person proposed and approved of him as a person proper to be appointed

Resolved that every person who shall be appointed by the Board to collect monies on Assessments before entering on the duties of their Office give Bond with at least one Security to be approved by the Mayor or Recorder and in such penal Sum as either of them shall direct faithfully to perform the duties of their Office and to account for and pay all monies which they shall collect

Resolved that Alderman Roger Strong and Messrs Bogardus and Mulligan be a Committee to enquire and point out the most fit mode of applying for a Grant of the Lands under Water contiguous and adjoining to the Shore and Margin of the City of New York on Manhattan Island

Resolved that the Petition of the Common Council to the Legislature that a Law may be passed to enable said Common Council to appoint the Clerk of this Board be entrusted to Alderman Roger Strong to be forwarded to Albany

[309] Resolved that the Bill passed at the last meeting of the Common Council respecting the Mayor's Salary be reconsidered

Resolved that the Petition hereunto annexed (being a Petition to the Legislature that a Law may be passed to allow the Mayor of the City an Annual Sallary in lieu of fees &c) be together with the Resolution entered on the Minutes of the Common Council. And that a fair Copy of the said Petition now produced to the Common Council be duly signed and Sealed with the Common Seal of the Corporation. and that the said Petition so executed together with the draft of a Bill now thereto annexed be given in Charge to the Comptroller to be

by him forwarded to Richard Harison Esquire the Council of this Board to be by him presented to the Legislature

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioners confiding in the Wisdom of the Legislature to promote the Interest of the Citizens and to grant them reasonable Requests Respectfully pray that a Law may be passed enabling the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened to fix upon assign [310] and allow from time to time at the pleasure of the Common Council to the Mayor of the City of New York for the time being an Annual Salary of not less than Five thousand Dollars to be paid Quarterly out of the City Treasury in Lieu and Stead of all Wages. Rewards Fees Perquisites and profits whatsoever now claimed required demanded accepted taken received held kept or enjoyed as belonging to the Office of Mayor of said City under or by Virtue of the Charter of said City or the Constitution and Laws of the State (except as Judge of the Mayor's Court) and that all and every such Wages Rewards fees perquisites and Profits now claimed required demanded Accepted taken held or enjoyed by the Mayor of the said City or which now of right may can or ought to be claimed required demanded accepted taken held or enjoyed by the Mayor of the said City for the time being (Except as aforesaid) may be demanded taken and Collected by the said Mayor for the time being and paid into the City Treasury for the use of the City And your Petitioners will ever Pray &c

Resolved that the Committee appointed to report on the Conduct of Joshua Barker. Richard Varick and Benjamin Romaine Trustees for the Board be requested to report at the next meeting

The City Inspector Reported Ordinances for correcting Nuisances from N° 3058 to N° 3092 inclusive which were passed

M^r Bogardus gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he should make a Motion to enter a protest against the appointment of any person as Mayor of this City who is not qualified according to the Charter

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized [311] to proceed to Albany and take charge of the Business of this Board before the

Legislature. and that Messrs Ritter and Morris and the City Inspector discharge the duties of the Comptroller during his absence

Resolved that the Superintendant of the Alms house be authorized to purchase not exceeding One hundred Loads of Wood for the use of the Indigent Poor

Ordered that the Recorder Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

No 1007	John Cholwell for Lighting Lamps &c.....	$4175.58
1008	Jacob McKeag for repairs at Horns hook.....	385.87
1009	Oliver Jaques for paving Intersections in Washington Street opposite the Corporation Dock.....	122.63
1010	Charles Van Orden for one Quarters Rent for the Watch house in the third District.....	25.
1011	Newhouse & Co for Timber.....	122.37
1012	David Crone for three lost Fire Buckets.....	6.
1013	The Office of the Mercantile Advertiser for Printing....	6.25
1014	Thomas Smyth for Iron Work.....	36.49
1015	Edward W Laight for Elizabeth Laight.....	708.34
1016	William Rutledge for Corporation allowance for a Pump at the corner of Bowery Lane and Spring Street.....	40.

[312] *In Common Council February 2nd 1807.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott Selah Strong Roger Strong Jacob Le Roy John P. Ritter John D Miller Wynant Van Zandt Junior	Esquires Aldermen	Stephen Ludlam Samuel Torbert Gerard De Peyster John W Mulligan Thomas Demarest Andrew Morris Robert Bogardus John Hopper Junr

Assistants

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Edgar and others requesting this board to apply to the Legislature to purchase the Government house and Grounds for the use of this City reported in favour of the measure together with the draft of an Application for that purpose.

Ordered that the said report be confirmed and the Application thereby recommended immediately transmitted

The following report was received. to wit The Committee ap-

* Marginal note reads *NB. This meeting ought to have been entered between the twenty sixth of January and the ninth day of February last past but was omitted by mistake see page 293.*—Ed.

pointed to report a proper scite for the purpose of allowing the Trustees of the Free School to erect a Building

Report that the piece of Ground at present [313] unoccupied situated between the health Office and the work shop on Broadway appears to be the most eligable and best calc*i*lulated for a School house therefore

Resolved that this board will appropriate the piece of Ground mentioned in this Report on which the Trustees of the Free School may erect a suitable building for the School house on such Conditions as shall be agread upon in writing between the said Trustees and this board All which is submitted

W. Van Zandt Junior
Andrew Morris
Samuel Torbert

Ordered that the said report and Resolution be confirmed and that Alderman Van Zandt M^{r} Mulligan and Alderman Selah Strong be a Committee to confer with the said Trustees accordingly

An Application of the late Superintendant of the Alms house for Compensation for extra services was referred to alderman Selah Strong Mott and M^{r} Morris

George Lamplin. Thomas Tanner. Jasper E. Ruckle. Adolph Brower. Rinier Wortendyck. John Perry. John Anderson. Henry Merritt. Josiah B Bennedict. David Sutton. Daniel S. Baker. Elijah Briggs. George Hains. Elijah Hains Peter Hoffmere and Peter R. Bogert were appointed Firemen to Company N^{o} 31. and William Keef Cabinet maker of Company N^{o} 11. instead of Frederick Mauny

A report of the Committee upon the revision [314] of the Laws upon a presentment of a Grand Jury against Lottery Offices was recommended to the same Committee to draft an Ordinance agreeably thereto

A Petition of Aaron Ogden for leave to erect a Crane at White Hall was referred to the Comptroller and Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward

An Application of Martin Hoffman to purchase or Lease a Lot near his Lot on the Commons was referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Anthony Jones for Compensation on account of an Injury done to his house was referred to the Street Commissioner and Alderman and Assistant of the seventh Ward.

The Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth R. Skaats presented the following Report to wit.

City of New York Common Council 2nd Febr 1807.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth R. Skaats

Report

That it appears to the Committee that notice or coppies of an Ordinance for a general regulation lowering and reducing certain Lots of Ground or Yards situate at or near the corner of Church and Barley Streets were served on the several proprietors or occupants of the said Lots or Yards sometime on or about the first day of November last. and that in pursuance of such Ordinance or Notice Tunis Van Winkle a proprietor of one of the said Lots there fronting on Barley [315] Street has proceded to regulate his Yard and in so doing hath disturbed the Ground and Stable of the said Elizabeth contiguous and adjoining thereto. that is to say. by digging and reducing his Ground six or eight feet below the Lot or Yard of the said Elizabeth which she hath not provided to regulate as required by said Ordinance. and which gives way falling down into and upon the the premises of the said Tunis.

It further appears that by the Time of the said Ordinance. which was served as well on the said Elizabeth as the said Tunis and others the regulation of the said Lots or Ground was required to have been compleated on or about the fifteenth day of December last It further appears that the said Tunis has no necessity to proceed further in the regulation of his Yard so as further to disturb the said Elizabeth till the Spring opens

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that as the said Elizabeth is a Widow. has a family and is not in sufficient Circumstances it would be proper to allow her time until the tenth day of March next to procure Guardianship for her said Children and then to regulate her said Lot or Yard (unless the Common Council shall see fit to regulate the same as the Act directs) and that in the mean time the said Tunis desist from further disturbing the Premises of the said Elizabeth

All which is respectfully submitted

Thomas Demarest
R Strong

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The Committee to whom that Subject was referred

[316] Reported that it would be proper to present an Application to the Legislature to Authorize the board to appoint their own Clerk.

Ordered that the said Report be confirmed. And that Alderman Roger Strong. Alderman Mott and Alderman Miller be a Committee to draft a bill conformably thereto

The Street Commissioner Reported an Assessment for regulating Rynder Street from Hester to Broome Streets. Ordered that the same be confirmed and Simon Ackerman appointed Collector

Ordered that the Road Committee be instructed to improve the Road running from the Bloomingdale Road through Manhattan Ville to the North River and that the same be done by contract or otherwise provided the expences does not exceed Six hundred Dollars

Accounts of John McCanmon Mark McCammon and Alexander Dobbins for monies received by Cornelius Warner from this Board for their use were referred to the Comptroller

An Account of Kay and and Horner against Cornelius Warner for monies received by him from this Board and which belongs to them was referred to the Attorney of the board

Alderman Miller moved the following Resolution. to wit.

Resolved that a Committee of be and is hereby appointed to obtain a Loan for the purpose of discharging the Debts due by the Corporation

A Division being taken thereupon the same [317] negatived as follows to wit

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Mott	Alderman	S Strong
"	Miller	"	R Strong
Mr	Ludlam	"	Le Roy
"	Torbert	"	Ritter
"	Demarest	"	Van Zandt
"	Hopper	Mr	Depeyster
		"	Mulligan
		"	Morris
		"	Bogardus

A Report of the Comptroller and Council of the Board against the Account of the Jury appointed to estimate the expence of opening the Albany Avenue was confirmed. Ordered that the Attorney of the Board comunicate the same to the Jury

The following Report was received from the Comptroller

The Comptroller to whom was referred the application of Benjamin Romaine requesting that the further time of one Year may be granted to him upon a Lot of Land purchased by him from the Corporation

Reports That from the Situation of the funds of the Corporation it is inexpedient to Grant the request. The Comptroller is of opinion

that the Applicant and all others who are Indebted to the Corporation should be called upon Immediately to discharge the Accounts which they owe

All which is respectfully Submitted

Feb^{y} 2. 1807 Jacob Morton Compt^{r}

[318] The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction and removal of Nuisances Numbered from 3001. to 3033 inclusive Ordered that the same do pass

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board proceed with the opening of Orchard Street as far as his Information with respect to the names of the prroprietors extends

Ordered that the Committee appointed respecting the Mayor's Salary be discharged

Alderman Roger Strong reported the draft of an application to the Legislature to fix the Mayor's Salary—The Same was referred to Alderman R Strong M^{r} Torbert and M^{r} Morris with directions that they also report the present perquisites of the Mayor

Ordered that Joseph Board and John E West be appointed to Value the property of John Peterson at the Battery

Richard Furman was appointed one of the Commissioners of the Alms house & Bridewell

M^{r} Bogardus then Moved that Richard Turman [Furman] be appointed Superintendant of the Alms house A division being taken thereupon the same was carried in the Affirmative as follows. to wit

Affirmative				Negative	
Alderman	Selah Strong	[319] Alderman	Van Zandt	Alderman	Mott
"	Roger Strong	M^{r}	DePeyster	"	Miller
"	Le Roy	"	Mulligan	M^{r}	Ludlam
"	Ritter	"	Morris	"	Torbert
		"	Bogardus	M^{r}	Demarest
				M^{r}	Hopper

Ordered that the Comptroller and City Inspector be added to the Committee to devise alterations in the Police Office

Ordered that the Mayor Issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

N^{o} 943	T. Wortman a quarters Salary	$150.
944	Neil M^{c}Kinnon for lost fire buckets	8.
945	Peter Burtsell for Stationary	66.25
946	Edward Watkey for Candles	11.45
947	John Burger for Coroners fees	121.25
948	James Hallett for lost fire Buckett	2.
949	Elijah Ferris for lost fire Buckett	2.

N° 950	William Leary for Carpenters Work	$28.75
951	Andrew Leary for Carpenters Work	31.12
952	James Hardie for Services	62.50
953	Edward Moran for Services	54.
954	Andrew Otterson for Services	54.
955	William P. Roome for Services	52.
956	Matthew Banks for Carpenters Work	12.28
957	Daniel Davis for work to Pumps	23.87
958	William Mooney for Upholstery	38.21
959	George Lowther for Carpenters Work	55.

[320] In Common Council March the 4th 1807

Present Maturin Livingston Esqr Recorder

Nicholas Fish	Esqrs Aldermen	John Hopper Junr
Thurston Wood		John W. Mulligan
Roger Strong		Gerrard De Peyster
Jacob Le Roy		Thomas Demarest
Wynandt Van Zandt Junr		Andrew Morris
Selah Strong		Stephen Ludlam
John P. Ritter		Robert Bogardus

Assistants

His Excellency the Governor with the Advice and consent of the Council of Appointment, having been pleased to appoint Maturin Livingston Esqr to the office of Recorder and Thomas Morris Esqr to the office of Clerk of the City and County of New York their Commissions under the Great Seal of the State were severally read and published as usual, Mr Recorder and the Clerk respectively took the Oaths of office prescribed by the Charter

A Petition from Isaac Moses as Guardian of the Infant Heirs of Solomon Myers Cohen deceased praying that the said Heirs may be exempted from filling up five Lotts of Ground on Hester Street until after the twenty fourth day of March next. the prayer of the said Petition was granted until the first day of July next

[321] A Petition from Daniel Woolsey stating that he has been employed for several Seasons in building & repairing the Corporation Docks and Wharfs and praying to be continued in the same Employment was ordered to lay over for Consideration

The Petition of William Mathews praying for an Advance of two hundred & fifty dollars on Account of Extra Work done at the Bridge near the Powder House was referr'd to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner

The Petition of Thomas Rossell and others owners of Houses in Crosby and Princes Streets stating that the raising of the said Streets

has rendered the Walking therein by night dangerous and praying for a few lamps was referr'd to the Lamp Committee

A Statement from Daniel Tomlinson with an account of Expenditures and an Affidavit of the faithful application of the Sum of three hundred and Seventy five dollars advanced to him by the Corporation to enable him to build an Fire Engine on a new principle invented by him, and that a late Flood has carried away a part of his Works and Engine & some of the Implements and Machinery relating thereto. he also states that Samuel Miles Hopkins Esq^{r} became Security for the faithful application of the Monies granted to him & that the Account exhibited by him is in Compliance with the Condition of M^{r} Hopkins's Bond, and that with the Aid of a further Advance he will be able to complete the Engine which he cannot do without it. the said Statement with the Papers accompanying it were referrd to the Fire Department

A Communication having been made by the Trustees [322] of the Society for establishing a Free School notifying this Board of their Acceptance of the Sum of five hundred Dollars and of the Occupation of the Old Work Shop adjoining the Alms House on the Conditions contained in the Resolutions of this Board at their last Meeting. thereupon ordered that a Warrant issue to the Treasurer of the said Society for five hundred dollars

The Committee on that Subject having reported the draft of a Petition to the Legislature hereunto annexed ordered that a fair Copy be made of the same and that it be transmitted to the Honorable the Legislature under the Common Seal of the Corporation

To The Honorable The Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully Sheweth

That Various representations have been made to your Petitioners in Common Council respecting the exposed and dangerous Situation of the Powder Magazine belonging to the City near the fresh Water Pond in the Ninth Ward thereof and in which the Powder belonging to the State is kept That the said Magazine is in the Opinion of your Petitioners becoming dangerous to the Inhabitants of that Vicinity, but that the Common Council having assented to the keeping of the public Stores therein do not think themselves authorized to remove the same without the Concurrence of the Legislature That a Regard to the Public Safety has led to the practice of keeping Powder Magazines as much [323] as possible in retired and unfrequented places

where they woul'd be less exposed to Accidents, and woul'd endanger as few persons as possible if Accidents should happen

That tho' the Situation of said Magazine was not improper in those respects when it was first established, yet at present it is surrounded on all sides by Inhabitants at short distances and that, in Seasons of general Sickness great numbers of the Poor are quartered near it by the City Corporation. That among the Works which with the Improvement of that part of the City are necessarily carried on, is the blowing of Rocks from which the Magazine has already been endangered, and that all these Causes of Alarm will probably increase with the increase of Inhabitants and improvement, and that the Situation of said Magazine renders the public property less secure both in ordinary times & particularly in times of public Danger, than the Interest of the State seems to require. Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that the Legislature will be pleased to cause a Building to be provided for the keeping of the Powder belonging to the State in the Vicinity of Spyt den Duyvel or in some other place less dangerous to the public and more secure for the Military Stores than the present Situation of the said Magazine, and that the said Powder may be removed to such other place, or that some other proper remedy may be provided for the safety and quiet of the Citizens of this City respecting the Premisses. And Your Petitioners will ever pray &c[a]

A Recommendation from Oliver Coles and others that George Nicolls be appointed a measurer of Grain was ordered to lie on the Table

The Petition of William Kay stating that he was employed by Nicholas Carmar to Work for this Board and that there has been a balance due to him since the 20[th] of July 1803 of Eighty two Dollars and six Cents was referr'd to the Counsel of this Board

[324] the Comptrolling Committee made the following Report

The Comptrolling Committee beg leave to state. That there are nineteen bills to audit certified by Cornelius Warner late Superintendant of repairs amounting to five hundred and fifty dollars. a small part thereof is for Work done since he was discharged. they have further to observe, that it is said the late Superintendant of repairs had received Warrants to pay certain Accounts which were never paid and are now again presented for payment—the Committee wish the Board to decide upon measures to be pursued by them respecting those Accompts

signed W[m] P. Ritter
And[w] Morris

Ordered that the said Report be again referr'd to the Comptrolling Committee and the Counsel of this Board

Ordered that Alderman. R. Strong & Messrs Bogardus and Mulligan be a Committee to make a statement for the Counsel of this Board relative to the Claims exhibited by William Kay and the persons whose accounts have been certified as above by Cornelius Warner

The following Resolution was moved.

Whereas Cornelius Warner was discharged from being Superintendant of Repairs to this Board on the 26th of January last and the said Cornelius Warner doth still continue to employ Workmen and to certify their Accounts therefore ordered that the Clerk be directed to give Notice in the publick Newspapers that this board will not pay any Accounts for Work done by the order or under the Direction of the said Cornelius Warner since the twenty sixth day of February last, and not heretofore paid to him A question being taken on the said Resolution it was decided as follows to wit

Affirmative	[325] Negative
Alderman Roger Strong	Alderman Thurston Wood
Wynant Van Zandt Junr	Mr John Hopper Junr
Selah Strong	Gerard De Peyster
John P. Ritter	Thomas Demarest
Mr John. W. Mulligan	Stephen Ludlam
&	&
Andrew Morris	Robert Bogardus

The Recorder having given his casting Vote in the negative the Resolution was lost

Resolved that the Clerk do cause Cornelius Warner late Superintendant of Repairs to be served with a Copy of the Resolution of this Board dismissing him from the said office

It having been represented by the Attorney to this Board that Thomas Parkinson who had incurrd a Penalty in consequence of leaving a dead horse in Rivington Street, has now removed the said horse, ordered that the said Penalty be remitted

An Application from Watson & Campbell for the payment of their Account for timber &ca was referr'd to the Comptroller

A Certificate of the Election of James Lowrie Repacker & William Lorton Grocer as Firemen of Engine No 27 was referr'd to the Chief Engineer

The Petition of Ann Walker & others owners of Lotts in Walker Street praying for the regulation of the said Street was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Committee appointed to enquire and point out the most fit mode of applying for a Grant of the Lands under Water contiguous and adjacent to the Shores or Margin of the City of New York or Manhattans Island reported as follows

That upon Examination it appears that by a Law of the State certain Officers of the Government are authorized as Commissioners of the Land Office to make Grants of the Land under the Waters of navigable Rivers. It is also stated that the Legislature have since that Law was pass'd, by Grant authorized [326] the Corporation to extend Wharves into the East River beyond the Line of the old Water Grant. Whether a gratuitous Grant is expected now or a Grant upon Valuable Consideration or what will be expected by the Legislature or the Commissioners of the Land Office in case of an Application to either or both is a matter upon which your Committee have not had the Opinion of any gentlemen and consider the whole Subject as a matter of great importance to the City. Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that those Questions had better be discussed in an extra meeting of the Board

R Strong
Robt Bogardus
John W. Mulligan

Ordered that the said Report be referr'd to the same Committee to draft and Report a Memorial to the Legislature thereon

A Petition from Thomas Post praying for the Grant of Water Lotts on the usual terms was referrd to the Comptroller*

The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that the Superintendant of Streets without delay take into his possession all the Horses Machines Books tools and other Property belonging to the Corporation and appertaining to his Department and that he report the same to this Board—And also resolved that the Committee upon Laws and Ordinances draft an Ordinance to compel the Owners of Manure deposited in the Fort at Rhinelanders and upon other public grounds to remove the same

The Memorial of Sarah Thomas praying for the renewal of the Lease of Lott N° 161 in William Street was referr'd to the Comptroller†

The Application of Susanna Bailey for leave to assign the Lease of her house and Lott in Chatham Street to William Cooley was referrd to the [327] Street Commissioner

* Marginal note reads *See Report. Vol 17. P. 355.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 198.*—Ed.

*The Application of James Morris and Henry White to exchange a strip of ground on the East side of Elm Street for a strip on the West side of said Street was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner reported the assessment for raising the Balance due for extending and opening Burling Slip thereupon

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that William A Nexsen be appointed the Collector to Collect the same

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for the paving of Church Street which was confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for the Regulation of Elm Street

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that David Marshe, Gilbert Constant, Jacob Tier, George Cleland, & Ebenezer Clarke be the Assessors

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating Front Street

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that John Townsend, Gerrit B. Abeel, James Drake Simeon Skillin & Francis Dominick be the Assessors

The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the Petition of William Hunter & John Lawrence reported an Ordinance for their relief and the same was confirmed

The Street Commissioner made a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for digging and regulating Arundel Street

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Abraham Stagg to collect the Money

The Committee to whom was referr'd the Report of the Street Commissioner on the Petition of Edward W. Laight on behalf of Elizabeth Laight Report—That in Consequence of the absence of the Counsel of the Board whom they wish to consult on the Subject of Doctor Romaynes Claim they are not fully prepared to report thereon, but that they [328] are of Opinion that a Warrant should issue in favor of the Petitioner for the Amount of the Sum assessed to Doctor Romayne without prejudice to Rights of the Corporation as it respects his Claim. dated the 4th day of March 1807

John W. Mulligan
R Strong
R. Bogardus

Ordered that the Consideration of the above Report be postponed until the Opinion of the Counsel of this Board can be had thereon

*Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 106.*—ED.

A Representation by the City Inspector respecting a Lamp in Gold Street was referrd to the Lamp Committee

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for correcting and removing Nuisances from Number 3124 to Number 3158 all of which were pass'd

The Street Commissioner having informed the Board that John Brown Simeon Skillin and Jacob Drake refuse serving as Assessors for Roosevelt Street Eliakin Ford Peter Barrett & John Burger were appointed in their stead

A Ballance Account of the former Superintendant of the Alms House was presented to the Board and referr'd to the Comptroller

The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that after the Return of any Assessment hereafter to be made requiring the Confirmation of this Board at least one Weeks public Notice shall be given that the same will be confirmed at a Meeting to be mentioned in such Notice

The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board take legal Measures without delay to remove some free black persons from off the public Lands*, and that he Also commence Suits against [329] the persons aforesaid for the recovery of the Fences sold and removed from the said Land

Resolved that the Recorder do instruct the Counsel of this Board now in Albany to recommend to the Council of Appointment the following persons to wit. Simeon De Witt, Gouverneur Morris and John Rutherford Esquires as fit and proper persons to be appointed Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, shoul'd the Bill Relative to improvements touching the laying out Streets and Roads in the City of New York as petitioned for by this Board become a Law of the State

The Committee to whom was referr'd the Presentment of the Grand Jury respecting the Offices opened in this City & County for the Insurance of Lottery Tickets reported the following Petition to the Legislature which was ordered to be engrossed Sealed with the City Seal signed by the Recorder and transmitted to the Honorable the Legislature now in Session

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York Respectfully Sheweth

* Marginal note reads *At the Dove Lots.*—ED.

That the Offices opened within the City and County of New York for the Insurance of Lottery Tickets have greatly increased, and produce very serious evils in the said City

Many persons are thereby induced to venture small Sums in consideration of the large Amount to be returned in proportion without considering that the chances allowing for the disparity is nearly twenty five per Cent in favor of the Insurer. Success or ill fortune lead to the same consequences, the former increases the desire of gain, and lessens the apprehension of loss, the former incites to a continuation of the adventure, by the Anxiety to retrieve what has been lost a spirit of gambling is thus introduced in the Community [330] and operates most on that part of it who have the least ability to support loss

The pernicious influence of these offices is extended even to Children, whose Morals are thereby corrupted in the very bud, as well by the example of those more advanced in years, as by the facility with which they find the means of participating in the practice

At these Offices are to be found not only labouring poor, but even Mendicants, children and Servants who do not scruple to make a Crime the Instrument to enable them to become Adventurers

Whatever Motives of policy may justify the resort to Lotteries for supplies, Your Memorialists believe that in their most unexceptionable form they produce Evils and your Honorable body will see how far those Evils must be increased by the means of the insurance System

Your Memorialists further observe to your Honorable body that the Grand Inquest for this City and County alarmed at the increase of that Evil have presented these Offices at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in this City a Copy of which Presentment was communicated by their request to Your Memorialists and is annexed to this Memorial

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Body will take such speedy and effectual Measures for the correcting of the Evils complained of as in your Wisdom you shall deem meet

The Grand Jury in and for the Body of the City and County of New York Present

The Offices opened within the said City and County for the insurance of Lottery Tickets, as a serious Evil, and one which demands the interference of the Legislature, and they request that the Court will be pleased to cause a copy of this presentment to be communi-

cated to the Common Council of the City, that Measures [331] may be speedily adopted to correct this growing Mischief

Signed Walter Bowne
January 16. 1807 Foreman

The above is a true Copy of the Original Presentment on file in my Office

sign'd John McKesson
Clerk &c[a]

the following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that Doctor Torbot be appointed on the Committee to enquire into the Conduct of Richard Varick Joshua Barker and Benjamin Romaine while Trustees of this Board in the Room of Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq[r]

Ordered that the Recorder issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

		Cents
No 1	James Hardie for Salary in the Month of February.....	$62.50
2	Richard Harison for his Allowance as Counsel for one half Year	250.
3	Tunis Wortman for one Months Salary as Clerk & for Cash advanced to Keeper of Pottersfield.....	53.
4	John McKay for cleaning and painting Watch caps.....	54.68
5	Bartholemew Skaats for salaries for himself & assistant & sundry advances made for the board.....	115.59
6	To the Trustees of the Society for establishing a free School in the City of New York.....	500.

[332] In Common Council March the 9th 1807

Present Maturin Livingston Esq[r] Recorder

Jacob Le Roy Jacob Mott Roger Strong Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Selah Strong John P. Ritter John D. Miller	Esq[rs] Aldermen	Robert Bogardus John Hopper Jun[r] Gerard De Peyster Thomas Demarest John W. Mulligan Andrew Morris Stephen Ludlam	Assistants

The Committee appointed for that purpose reported the following Petition to the Legislature and the same was ordered to be engrossed signed by the Recorder and transmitted to the Honorable *the Honorable* The Legislature now in Session

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York. The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully Sheweth—That for the purpose of enabling the Corporation of the City of New York from time to time to improve the Docks, Wharves, Keys and Slips, to be erected, or made, in & upon or contiguous to the Margin of the said City, or Manhattans Island, and to render said Improvements more uniform and convenient, and the Use of them more equal and beneficial to the Citizens and to the public [333] in general, and for the better accomodation of Trade & Commerce

Your Petitioners pray that a Grant may be made to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, of the Lands covered with Water, of the perpendicular breadth & to comprehend four hundred Feet, along the Easterly Shore of the North or Hudsons River, contiguous to and adjoining the Lands of the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty at and from Low Water Mark into the said River, from Bestavers Killetje, or rivulet, to Spyt den Duyvel Creek—And the Lands covered with Water, of the Perpendicular breadth and to comprehend four hundred feet along the Westerly Shore of the East River or Sound contiguous to and adjoining the Lands of the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty, at and from Low Water Mark, into the said River or Sound, from the North Side of Corlies Hook, at the Northerly boundary of the Lands covered with Water, Whereof the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty are now seized, to Spyt den Duyvel Creek aforesaid, and one fourth part in breadth of the Land covered with Water by said Creek, adjoining the Lands of the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty, the whole length of the same Creek, from the East River or Sound aforesaid, to the North or Hudsons River aforesaid And Your Petitioners will ever pray &c[a]

It being represented to this Board by Thomas Ogilvie & others that the Sabbath Law is frequently broken in the Suburbs of the City. Ordered that the Recorder give Directions to Six of the City Marshalls to patrol the same on Sundays and enforce the observance of said Law

A Proposal from William Mathews to give one hundred and fifty Dollars for a Rock and parcel of Stones described in an advertisement of the Street Commissioner was ordered to lie on the Table

The following letter was read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes of this Board

Philadelphia February 27, 1807

Sir

At a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia on the 12 Instant Mr Meredith presented [334] the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia that the thanks of this Council be presented to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the Citizens of New York for the Copy of the Laws of the State of New York transmitted by John Pintard Esquire their Inspector

I am very respectfully &c[a]

Samuel Holmes
Clerk of the Common Council

John Pintard Esq: City
Inspector of New York

Application having been made to this Board by Garrit Heyer Richard Smith & Wm Chevers deputy Clerks of the Markets to know to whom they ought [to deliver] the Market fees collected since the second of last February Ordered that the same be paid to the person to whom the last Monthly payment was made

The Petition of James Abeel in behalf of his Son complaining of the Expence he has been put to in consequence of levelling some Lotts on Bayards Farm was referr'd to the Street Commissioner*

The Petition of Charles McCarty stating that during the life time of Samuel Akerly the Corporation demised to him a Vacant piece of Land at the Corner of Roosevelt and Cherry Streets, that he erected a Building thereon but omitted to take his Lease, that since his Death the Lease has been granted to his Executors, who assign'd the same & sold the Buildings to Samuel Webb to whom the Petitioner paid upwards of Eight hundred Dollars for the buildings that he is now informed that in consequence of the Redemise to him the Buildings are considered as belonging to the Corporation. The said Petition was referr'd to the Comptroller and the Alderman and Assistant of the fourth Ward

[335] The Representation of Theodosius Fowler and others Directors of the Harlaem Bridge Company complaining of an illegal Assessment of a House and Bridge, the payment of the Monies so assessed having been enforced by Distress of the Goods of the Toll Gatherers was referr'd to the Counsel of the Board

* Marginal note reads *See P. 351.*—Ed.

The Petition of James Gray praying to be licensed as a Butcher and for a stand in Greenwich Market was referr'd to the Market Committee

The City Treasurer exhibited an account of Intestate Estates which was ordered to be filed

The Canal Committee having reported on the application of William Bridges a Warrant was ordered to issue in his favor for One hundred Dollars

The Petition of Thomas T Stagg was presented praying for leave to build a Vault adjoining to his House in Norfolk Street. Ordered that leave be granted and that the Vault be built under the Direction of the Street Commissioner

The Petition of Henry Hoffman praying for Stall N° Eight in the Exchange Market was referr'd to the Market Committee

The Petition of N. Dobbs stating that he lately built a House in Sullivan Street and in Compliance with the Law got the Ground on which it is built survey'd by M^r^ Loss one of the City Surveyors, that the said Survey proves to be incorrect and that his House stands back from the line of the Street, which he represents as being very injurious to him and for which he prays some Compensation. the said Petition was referr'd to the Street Commissioner and the Alderman and Assistant of the Eigth Ward

The Application of P. G. Stuvensant stating that in the Year 1806 he applied for a Grant of the Soil from High to low Water Mark in front of his Property, that his application was referr'd to the then Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth Ward who reported in favor of the Grant but that the quit Rent to be paid has never been determin'd, that being desirous of making immediate improvements on the property he wishes the quit Rents to be established. the said Petition was referr'd to the Comptroller & Aldermen [336] Ritter and Selah Strong

The Representation of John Steyvesant & others complaining of the Regulation of Mott Street was referrd to the Alderman and Assistant of the sixth Ward

The Petition of John Rhoads praying for the Vacant Butchers Stall Number thirteen in the Fly Market was referr'd to the Market Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen to wit: Stephen Allen for Engine Number 17 in the place of Christopher Hughes resigned, John Harris for Company N° 30 James Lowrie and William Lorton for Engine N° 27 in the room of Simeon Ackerman & Jacob Skaats resigned

Resolved that Hays Pennel be appointed assessor for Pitt Street in the place of Jacob Tier resigned

On reading a Communication from the Street Commissioner relating to Signs Ordered That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Citizens generally that the Laws and Ordinances of the Common Council relative to incumbrances of every kind will be rigorously enforced without respect to persons

*The Street Commissioner having represented to this Board that Mr George Janeway was willing to submit his Claim to a part of Cross Street to the determination of three Referees, one of whom to be appointed by this Board, one by the said George Janeway and the third to be chosen by the other two and to enter into Bonds to abide by their Decision—thereupon resolved that this Board do accede to the said Proposal and that Anthony Steinback be the Referee on the part of this Board

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance relating to the filling up Beekman Slip and the same was confirmed

The Street Commissioner made a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Prince [337] Street and a Warrant was ordered to issue to Oliver Jaques to collect the Monies due on the same

The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the Petitions of Thomas White & others & Thomas Thornton praying for the Regulation of Mulberry Street reported an Ordinance which was pass'd And Joseph Watkins George Smeltzel William Kline Thomas Rossel & †Barnet De Kline were appointed the assessors

The Street Commissioner having informed this Board that Ichabod Praul who was appointed an assessor for opening Broad Way declined acting in that Capacity Isaac Burr was appointed in his place

A Representation from the Street Commissioner relative to the Width of Streets and Side Walks with an Ordinance relating to the same was referrd to the Committee for the Revision of the Laws to report thereon

The Comptrolling Committee to whom was referrd the Balance Account of the late Superintendant of the Alms House reported. That the said Account is conformable to the Manner of keeping the Alms House Books, but that having seen on those Books a Credit in favor of the Corporation for two hundred and fifty dollars, they are

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 238 441.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Wm Dustan Appd in place of Barnt Deklyne removed from City.*—ED.

of Opinion that a warrant ought to issue to Philip J. Aucularius for Eight hundred and four Dollars and ten Cents being the Balance due to him after deducting the Sum so credited, And they recommend the Appointment of a Committee to confer with and recieve Explanations from Mr Aucularius with regard to the said Credit of two hundred and fifty Dollars. Ordered that the said Report be confirmed and that Aldermen Selah Strong & Mott & Mr A. Morris be the said Committee

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correcting of Nuisances from No 3159 to 3213 which were confirmed

Ordered that each Road Master shall for his Services and for the use of a Horse & Cart when furnished by him be entitled hereafter to three dollars per day & no more

[338] Resolved that the Building Committee progress with building the New City Hall and that the Sum of thirty thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose

Resolved that the Clerk enquire of Tunis Wortman Esq: late Clerk of this Board for the Petition of John Sigestun presented to this Board

Resolved that the Clerk require from Tunis Wortman Esquire late Clerk of this Board information with respect to any papers or Documents which may be discovered to be missing from the office and that he report thereon to the Board

A System reported to this Board for the Government of the Alms House was referrd to Aldermen R. Strong and Wood and Messrs Demarest Morris and Bogardus to report by Ordinance or otherwise.

The following Resolution was agreed to Resolved that if the former Law respecting Swine has expired, the City Inspector do report an Ordinance on that Subject

The Committee appointed on that Subject made the following Report

That they have perused the Account presented by Daniel Tomlinson and are of Opinion that the Monies recieved by him have been so applied as to justify the discharge of his Security on the Bond given. But that they do not concieve it expedient to make any further advances to the Petitioner

sign'd Jn P. Ritter
Jn W. Mulligan

Ordered that the said Report be confirmed

Ordered That the Recorder issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

N° 7	To Thomas Dick for 1st Instalment on his Bond.....	$12,91⁶⁄₁₀₀
8	[339] To Philip J. Aucularius late Superintendant of Alms House	804¹⁹⁄₁₀₀
9	To the Comptrolling Committee to pay for filling the Collect	184.36
10	To William Bridges on Acct of the Survey of Canal Street.	100. 0
11	To Jacob Hays as Capt of Watch.....	168.56
12	To Arthur Graham for his & Thomas Andersons attendance at Collect	36.63
13	To David King for Beer furnish'd the Common Council...	29.75
14	To Matthew Dikeman for Repairs.....	124.75
15	To Charles Vn Orden as Captn of Watch.....	168.56
16	To Nicholas Lawrence Do Do	237.16
17	To William Van Wart Do Do	237.16
18	To Magnus Beekman Do Do	217.56
19	To John Farrington Do Do	217.56
20	To Mark McCammon for labor by his Son.....	150.71
21	To John H Sickles Treasurer of building Committee.....	1000.
22	To Richard Furman Superintendant of Alms House.....	2000.

The following Resolution was pass'd

Resolved that the Owner or Owners of the Manure deposited upon the Public Ground adjoining Magazine Street remove the same on or before the twenty third day of March Instant And Also Resolved that the Owner or Owners of Manure deposited on the public Grounds of this Board remove the same on or before the first day of April next or in default thereof that the Superintendant of Streets remove the same at the Expence of the Owners of said Manure

[340] In Common Council March 16: 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor
Maturin Livingston Esqr Recorder

Selah Strong Jacob Mott Nicholas Fish Thurston Wood Roger Strong Jacob Le Roy John P. Ritter Wynand Van Zandt Jr John D. Miller	Esqrs Aldermen	Gerard De Peyster Andrew Morris John Hopper Jr Thomas Demarest John W. Mulligan Samuel Torbot Stephen Ludlam Robert Bogardus
		Assistants

His Excellency the Governor by and with the advice and Consent of the Council of Appointment [having] been pleased to appoint Marinus Willett Esqr to the Office of Mayor of this City Mr Willett came into the Common Council Room and produced his Commission. The Common Council then adjourned to the Court Room where his Com-

mission was read and published with the usual formalities. Mr Willett then took and subscribed the Oaths prescribed by the Laws and the Charter

The Petition of Robert Dyde to be released from a fine for selling Liquor without a Licence was referr'd to the Attorney of this Board

[341] In Common Council March 18: 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor
Maturin Livingston Esqr Recorder

Selah Strong	Esqrs Aldermen	Gerard De Peyster	Assistants
Jacob Mott		Thomas De Marest	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbot	
Nicholas Fish		Robert Bogardus	
Roger Strong		Andrew Morris	
Wynand Van Zandt Jr		Stephen Ludlum	
John P. Ritter		John Hopper Jr	

The Petition of J. Wilkins praying for the concurrence of this Board in a block that he is forming, and that they will appoint a Committee to fix on the place for the Stairs of the Ferry from this City to Paoles Hook was referr'd to the Street Commissioner and the Alderman and Assistant of the fourth Ward

The Petition of Edward Ferris and James Grant praying for leave to put a drain from their Cellars in Oak Street to lead into the Mouth of the Common Sewer in Roosevelt Street was granted, the drain to be made under the Direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the fourth Ward

The Petition of Cornelius J Bogert & others owners of Lotts in Collect Street praying for the Regulation of said Street was referrd to the Street Commissioner

The Petition of Charles Gilman praying for a Butchers Licence and for Stand No 32 in the Bear Market for his Son [342] Thomas A Gilman was referr'd to the Market Committee

The Petition of Christian Baehr & others Inhabitants of the Eighth Ward praying for a fire Engine in the Village of Greenwich was referr'd to the Chief Engineer

The Petition of John R Livingston praying for Water Grants on the usual terms was referr'd to the Comptroller.*

The Petition of the President and a Committee of the Agricultural Society of Kings County *of Kings County* complaining of the

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 121.*—Ed.

Impositions of those who sell and boat away the City Manure and praying that this Board will adopt such regulations as will prevent the Evil complained of was referr'd to the City Inspector

The Committee to whom was referrd *was referrd* the Petition of Henry Leuthausen made the following Report

That on Examination they find that Ernest Aubick in his life time obtained a leave of the rear part of a Lot fronting on Beekman Streef and adjoining his own Lotts on Gold Street and by the consent of the Possessors of a Lott on Ferry Street was permitted to lay a Trunk for a drain under Ground through said lot; which Lease has expired some few years since, and has not been renewed on Account of some disagreement And Altho' the use made of the said drain is connived at present Yet the same is daily liable to be stopped up either by enclosing the partition fence between the lot fronting on Beekman Street and that of the Petitioner, Or to obtain or exact some extravagant compensation, Or from a mere whim or Caprice to have the same stopp'd up, in either of these cases if the Sum assessed is paid by the Petitioner, it woul'd be for no benefit or purpose whatever to the Estate intended to be benefitted by the Drain in Ferry Street. The Committee are therefore of Opinion that the Sum assessed is a grievance justly to be complained of and that the same ought now to be borne by the Corporation and that a [343] Warrant issue in favor of Hugh Montgomerie Collector for fifty seven dollars & forty Seven Cents

*The Petition of John Charles stating that he is the lessee of Lot N° 13 Chatham Street, that his lease will expire on the first of next May when he is informed that this Board will ask Eighty pounds a year for the same, that the lot adjoining and of the same dimensions as his was leased last May to Richard P. Lawrence for twenty one years at sixty pounds a year and that his is not worth more than seventy, the said Petition was referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward

The Market Committee having reported in favor of the Petition of Henry Hoffman praying for Stall N° 8 in the Exchange Market, and of the Petition of James Gray praying for a stand in the said Market the same was confirmed

The Petition of Mary Carlow Castel & Catharine McAvee McWee stating that they are lessees of this Board and that the Rent to be paid by them of one

*Marginal note reads *The entry of This Petition was supposed to have been omitted vid. P. 487.*—Ed.

hundred dollars a year is more than the House on the Lot so leased would rent for and praying for relief was ordered to lie on the Table*

The Recommendation by Andrew Ogden and others of Andrew R. Miller as a proper person to be appointed a Weigher was ordered to lie on the Table

The Petition of Moses Cunningham Jr and others praying that a pump may be placed at the head of Hester & Pitt Streets was referr'd to the Alderman & Assistant of the Sixth Ward with power to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

The following persons were appointed Firemen to wit: George Griffin to Engine N° 14. Sewell Dodge to Engine N° 8 Ely Emmons to Engine N° 11. John Shaden to Engine N° 3. & John K Fisher to Engine N° 30

The Committee on that Subject reported an ordinance for the Regulation of Streets which was ordered to be left in the Office of the City Inspector until the next Meeting of this Board for the perusal & Examination of the members of this Board

[344] The Committee on that Subject made the following Report

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles McCarty Report

That the piece of Ground at the corner of Cherry and Roosevelt Streets containing twenty feet in breadth and Seventy one in length was by this Board leased to Samuel Akerly in his life time—that the said Samuel Akerly soon after built a house which now stands thereon. That Akerly died before his lease was delivered to him, and afterwards this Board granted to his Executors a lease for the then unexpired term and included in the lease the house which was so as aforesaid built by said Akerly and which the Committee believe belongd to him That the Executors of said Akerly sold the said House and transferr'd the said Lease to Samuel Webb who shortly before the End of the term sold the same to said Charles McCarty for Eight hundred Dollars That on the first day of November 1804 this Board demised the said Ground including the House to the said Charles McCarty for the term of twenty one years at one hundred and Seventy five dollars per year and all taxes &c[a] That by the said last mentioned lease the said House so as aforesaid built by Akerly sold by his Executors to Webb and by him since to said McCarty are considered as the property of this Board, and he is bound to keep it in repair and at the End of the Term deliver the same to this Board. That the Committee are satisfied no compensation heretofore has been made to the

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 198.*—Ed.

said Charles M^cCarty for the said House. The Committee are therefore of Opinion that the said Charles M^cCarty is entitled to relief N York March 17 1807

sign'd W. P. Ritter
Rob^t Bogardus

Ordered that the above report be confirmed & that the Comptroller and the Alderman & Assistant of the fourth Ward report to this Board the Value of the Ground built on by the said M^cCarty independent of the [345] Building

The Application of Henry Heiser to be appointed Superintendant of public Repairs was ordered to lie over

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for the Opening Broad Way, the same was confirmed and John De Peyster appointed assessor in the Room of Andrew R. Miller

The Street Commissioner having informed this Board that William E. Nexen the present Collector for the Assessment for opening Burling Slip declined that Service Simon Ackerman was appointed in his stead

On a Representation by the Street Commissioner that there is due to Walter Allen on his Bond three hundred & Seventy five dollars by this Board, for their proportion of the Easterly Pier between the Exchange & Whitehall Slips ordered That the Mayor issue his Warrant in favor of the said Walter Allen for the said Sum of three hundred & Seventy five dollars

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward who with the Street Commissioner were appointed a Committee to report on the Petitions of M^r Dobs and M^r Jones Reported. That Colonel Burr having *having* purchased a quantity of Land West of and bounding on Bayards Farm he put up a Fence on what he supposed to be the West line of Thompson Street. That M^r Loss the City Surveyor in making the Survey for M^r Jones considered M^r Burs fence as the West line of Thompson Street & hence the line given to M^r Jones is not as it shoul'd have been parralel to Broadway in consequence of which M^r Jone's house is several feet on the Street. M^r Dobs house being in conformity to what is supposed to be the true line if M^r Loss's Survey is adopted will be several feet back of the Street—That if the Corporation give Damages to either of those persons, it is recommended that Referees determine the amount of them. The Committee recommend that the Street Commissioner shoul'd be directed to report an ordinance to make the City Surveyors more responsible than they

have been, and to increase their Compensation the Committee being of Opinion that their present Allowance is too small

[346] The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the Petition of Ann Walker & others reported an Ordinance for the Regulation of Walker Street, which was agreed to and John Desbrow John B. Mc-Comb Abraham Russell Moses Coddington and Amos Coddington were appointed the Assessors

The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd a Petition for the regulation of Stuyvensant Street made a Report on that Subject which was ordered to lie over for Consideration

The Street Commissioner made a Communication touching the irregular Survey of Elm Street the same was ordered to lie over for consideration

The City Inspector reported an ordinance to prevent Swine from running at large without being rung and the same was ordered to lie in the Office of the Street Commissioner until Monday next for the examination of the Members of this Board

Ordered that Alderman Fish Alderman Selah Strong Messrs Morris & Bogardus & the Recorder be a Committee to report to this Board their Opinions with regard to the Propriety of disposing of the Dove Lotts & of a Plan therefore

The following Resolution was moved by the Recorder & a Division being call'd thereon it pass'd in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative	Negative
The Recorder	Aldermen Jacob Mott
Aldermen Selah Strong	Thurston Wood
Nicholas Fish	Mr Thomas Demarest
Roger Strong	[347] Samuel Torbot
Wynand Van Zandt	Stephen Ludlum
Mr Gerard De Peyster	John Hopper Jr
Robert Bogardus	
Andrew Morris	

for the affirmative Eight & for the Negative Six The Resolution on which the above Division was call'd is as follows

Resolved that while this Board is transacting business no smoaking be permitted

Ordered that the Clerk notify the Contractors for the purchase of City Manure that they remove the same from the public Grounds on or before the first day of next April

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 3213 to 3244 which were pass'd

Resolved that each of the Road Masters shall for his Services and for the use of a Horse and Cart when furnish'd by him, be entitled hereafter to three dollars per day and no more

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the City Treasurer for the following Sums of Money

23	To the Widow Beekman on Account of her Bond	$750.
24	To Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	2000.
25	To John H Sickles Treasurer to the building Committee	1000.
26	To Alex^{r} Morton for carting	69.
27	To Joseph Boyd for carting	38.
28	To Edward Moran for Services render'd	48.
29	To James Cheethem for printing	121.
30	To Benjamin De Witt for regulating Clocks	50.
31	To Samuel B. Waldron Overseer of Roads	243.90
32	To Andrew Leary for Carpenters Work	103.37
33	To Sweene & Jackson for printing	2.50
34	To Luke Periany for taking care of Mud Machines	85.46
35	To Peter Bennet for the loss of two Fire Buckets	4.
36	To John F. Gardner for Do Do	4.
37	To Walter Allen in part pay^{t} of Pier between Exchange & Whitehall	375.
38	To Hugh Montgomerie Collector	57.47

[348] In Common Council March 23^{d} 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esq^{r} Mayor
Maturin Livingston Esq^{r} Recorder

Jacob Le Roy		Benjamin Haight
Nicholas Fish		Gerard De Peyster
Jacob Mott		Thomas Demarest
Thurston Wood	Esq^{rs}	John Hopper Jun^{r}
Roger Strong	Aldermen	Stephen Ludlam — Assistants
Wynand Van Zandt Jr		Andrew Morris
John P. Ritter		John W. Mulligan
John D. Miller		Robert Bogardus
Selah Strong		Samuel Torbot

The Petitions of Leonard Kline praying for Butchers Stand N° 23 in the Hudson Market, of John Henning, John Harman, Henry Rosecranz, John Hutton and William Gibson for stand N° 32 in Hudson Market were referr'd to the Market Committee

The Petition of William Ball and John Cooper praying to be exonerated from Fines imposed on them in consequence of their having been complained of by two of the Fire Wardens was referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the sixth Ward

The Petition of Ann Walker and others praying that a Pump be

fixed in Walker Street, was referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward with power to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

The Petition of James Norris praying to be restored to fire Company N° 11 from which he was removed was ordered to lie over

[349] The Petition of Abraham Bussing & others Owners of Lotts in Courtland Street stating that owing to a Slip in front of their Lotts they were formerly obliged to fall back from the Range of the Street, but that the Slip is now fill'd up and they pray for leave to range with the said Street—was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Petition of David Godwin praying for a Lease of the Hoboken Ferry was referr'd to the Comptroller

The Petition of John D'Alvey praying to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was ordered to lie over

A letter from William Lawrence stating that he has a piece of Land near Dover Street which he wishes to build on, but as it is supposed that the Public will want it, he proposes selling it to this Board. the same was referr'd to the Street Commissioner and the Alderman & Assistant of the fourth Ward

The Petition of Joseph Silleck & others for the Regulation of Budd Street was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Chief Engineer to whom was referrd the Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich praying for a fire Engine reported in favor of the prayer of the Petitioner and the same was agreed to

The Committee to whom was recommitted the Report on the Petition of Charles M^cCarty made the following Report

That the Valuation set by three respectable Freeholders in the Vicinity of the Lot occupied by the Petitioner on Cherry Street to wit Nine hundred & fifty pounds is in our estimation a fair price. The Committee are therefore of opinion that the Annual Ground Rent thereon ought not to be more than one hundred & twenty five Dollars, And that a New Lease be granted in the Usual Form to the Petitioner bearing equal date with the former and that Credit be given to the Petitioner for the surplusage of Rent paid thereon

N York March 23^d 1807 signd Jn^a P. Ritter, And^w Morris, Jacob Mott } Comptrolling Committee

Ordered that the above report be confirmed

[350] The Petition of B P: Beekman & others praying for the Regulation of Bedlow Street was referr'd to the Street Commissioner*

The Memorial of Jonathan Lawrence complaining of unequal

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17 P 96.*—ED.

assessments on his property was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Application of Henry Tripp to be appointed Superintendant of the Park was referr'd to the City Inspector

The Petition of Daniel N. Traine stating that he was fined under the Act concerning Buildings, that he paid the Costs of his Prosecution and gave a Bond to this Board for two hundred Dollars and sixty two Cents on which he has paid Eighty dollars. That he has become impoverished and is now in Gaol, & that it will not be in his power to pay the residue of his said Bond, he therefore prays that this Board will discharge him therefrom. the same was referr'd to the Attorney of this Board

The Attorney of the Board having reported on the Petition of Robert Dyde that he is not entitled to the interposition of this Board the said Report was agreed to

The Street Commissioner having reported that there was due to Mr Anderson & Mr Allen one hundred and twelve dollars & Ninety Eight Cents for the Piers between the Exchange & Whitehall Slips Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of John Anderson for one hundred and twelve dollars & Ninety Eight Cents

The Street Commissioner presented to this Board the New assessment for opening Broad Way from Art Street to the Bowery and requested the Directions of this Board relative to the Mode of giving publicity to Assessments before the same are confirmed, thereupon ordered that in addition to publishing the same in the Newspapers employ'd by this Board that the Street Commissioner cause fifty hand Bills [351] to be struck off and put up in the Neighbourhood of the property to be assessed

*The Street Commissioner made a Report on the Petition of James Abeel and the same was referrd to the Comptroller

The Petition of Mary Castles and Catharine McWie presented at the last Meeting of this Board was directed to lie over

Resolved that Andrew R. Miller be and he is hereby appointed one of the City Weighers

Resolved that Alexander Crawfurd be & he is hereby appointed Inspector and Measurer of Lumber

Resolved that if the office of Inspector of Wood for the 14th District be vacant either by the abscence of the person heretofore appointed to the same or otherwise that in such case William Dey be appointed Inspector thereof

The following Resolution was agreed to

* Marginal note reads *See P. 334.*—ED.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the remainder of the Earth purchased by the Corporation on the East side of Broad Way to be removed to the Corporation Ground near the Collect on the best terms he can have the same done for

The Street Commissioner having reported to the Board that the Building in Elm Street adjoining the Lott of a Mr Fowler encroach about two feet on the Street and that the Houses on the opposite side are about as much back from it, owing to a mistake in the line of the Street, Ordered that the Street Commissioner permit the said Fowler to build on a line with the other houses erected on said Street and that he lease to him and to all other persons who in consequence of a similar mistake have encroached or may find it necessary to encroach on the public Streets the ground so occupied for the term of twenty one years

The alderman and assistant of the Eigth Ward and the Street Commissioner having reported on the Petition of Mr Dobs and Mr Jones, as much of the said [352] Report as relates to the inaccuracy of the Surveys therein mentioned, was referr'd to the Street Commissioner to report the cause of such inaccuracies and whether the same arose from the Misinformation or improper directions of the Petitioners to the Surveyor or otherwise and the Street Commissioner was directed to prepare and report an Ordinance in conformity to that part of it which recommends the better Regulation of City Surveys

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for correcting and removing Nuisances from No 3235 to No 3276 and the same were pass'd, he also stated that the Service in which Mr Rome had been employed was performed and he was accordingly discharged

Ordered that the Committee on Docks and Piers do contract for the Erection of Piers at the Corporation Bason and the Hay Scales Duane Street.

The following Resolution was moved

Resolved that Beekman Van Beuren and Samuel B. Waldron be and they are hereby dismissed from their respective offices of Overseers of Roads. A Division having been call'd on the said Resolution it pass'd in the affirmative in manner following

	Affirmative	
Aldermen	Le Roy	Mr Haight
	Fish	Depeyster
	R. Strong	Morris
	S. Strong	Mulligan
	Van Zandt	Bogardus
	Ritter	

Negative

Aldermen	Mott	Mr	Torbot
	Wood		Demarest
	Miller		Hopper
			Ludlum

for the affirmative Eleven & for the Negative Seven

[353] The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that the Committee to whom the Accounts of the late Superintendant of the Alms House were referr'd Report at the next Meeting of this Board whether the Sum deducted with a view to future enquiry respecting the same, from the ballance claimed by him ought to be paid. And that they report at the same time a statement of the Facts on which their opinion in the premisses shall be formed

The following resolution was moved and order'd to lie on the Table

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain whether this Board has any, and if any what Powers to enforce the observance of order among persons admitted to be present at their deliberations

Ordered that the Committee for the Revision of the Laws do report such Amendments as they may think proper & necessary to the Laws regulating Cartmen and Porters

The Chief Engineer represented the Necessity of moving Engine House N° 29 standing on Ground heretofore allotted to that purpose but now rented to Mr Francis De Klyn who wishes for the removal of the said building. Ordered that the Alderman & Assistant of the Eigth Ward do provide some proper place for the same

Ordered that the Mayor issue Warrants on the City Treasurer in favor of the following persons

39	To John Anderson for Piers	$112.98
40	To John Stilwill in payt of his Bond	1000.
41	To Jas Horner for Work for Corporation	105. 8
42	To Nicholas Lawrence Capt of Watch	237.16
43	To Wm Van Wart Captn of Watch	237.16
44	To Jacob Hays Do Do	168.56
45	To Charles Van Orden Do Do	168.56
46	To John Farrington Do Do	217.56
47	To Magnus Beekman Do Do	217.56
48	To Mathew Dikeman for Repairs	37. 3
49	To John Anderson for building ferry Stairs	189.19
50	To Patrick McDonough for riding Sand	7.43
51	To Elaxder Morton for carting	9.46
52	To John De Clew for one Quarters Salary as Inspector of Bread	79.80
53	To John Cholwell for lighting public Lamps	1000.
54	To Beekman Vn Beuren for Work on public Roads	617. 9

[354] In Common Council March 30 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esq[r] Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esq[rs] Aldermen	Samuel Torbot	Assistants
Nicholas Fish		Thomas De Marest	
Jacob Le Roy		John W. Mulligan	
Wynand V[n] Vandt J[r]		Benjamin Haight	
John P. Ritter		Stephen Ludlam	
Selah Strong		Gerard De Peyster	
Roger Strong		Andrew Morris	
Thurston Wood			
John D. Miller			

On Motion of Alderman Selah Strong Ordered that the Decision of this Board at their last Meeting on the Report of the Committee to whom was referr'd the Petition of Charles M[c]Carty be reconsidered. Ordered that the further Consideration of the said Report be postponed until the next Meeting of this Board

The Report from the Police Office of the Suspension of Richard Smith a Watchman for sleeping on his Post was referr'd to the Watch Committee

The Petition of Alexander Fink & others Butchers in the Oswego Market stating that their Lockers in said Market had frequently been broken open & their Meat stolen & praying that a Night Watchman may be stationed at the said Market was referr'd to the Watch Committee with Instructions to station a Watchman at said Market

[355] The Petition of Abraham Stagg & others for a Pump was referr'd to the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh Ward with Power to grant the same

On the application of Hutchings & Crane for a prolongation of the time by which they are directed to have the City manure deposited on the public grounds removed from the same the time was extended to the Eighth of next April

A Remonstrance from P. P. Van Zandt against his being assess'd for opening Burling Slip was referr'd to the Comptroller

The application of William Betts stating that he is lessee of one of the Dove Lotts and requesting (as the same are to be sold) to know whether the Corporation will pay for his Buildings on the same, or permit him to remove them. Ordered that he have leave to remove the said Buildings

The Remonstrance of John Murphy stating that he is assess'd for a Lott of thirty Seven feet on Cross Street Whereas his Lott is only twenty five feet was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Petition of Lawrence White to be appointed Superintendant of Repairs was ordered to lie on the Table

The application of Myers and Judah Auctioneers to sell the Dove Lotts for the Corporation was ordered to lie on the Table

The Petition of Wm McCullum and others for a pump was referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward with power to grant the same

The Petition of Lewis Ford & others praying for the Regulation of White Street from Broad Way to Chapel Street was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The application of Samuel Cowdrey former Attorney to this Board requesting an advance of one hundred & fifty dollars on Account of his demands against this Board was referr'd to the Comptroller with Instructions to audit his Account

[356] The Comptroller made the following Report

The Comptroller Reports that Agreeable to the Monthly Account rendered to him by the Treasurer there is now in the Treasury the Sum of five thousand five hundred and fifty Eight dollars and Eight Cents

New York March 30: 1807 Jacob Morton Compt^r

The Committee on that Subject made the following Report and the same was confirmed

*The Committee who were appointed to report a Plan for laying out and disposing of the Corporation Lands commonly call'd the Dove Lotts, having duly consider'd the Subject, and examined the several Plans submitted to this Board by the Street Commissioner for laying out the same are of Opinion, that a public Square or open Space shoul'd be left through the Center of the Tract, from East to West, of two hundred & fifty feet to be denominated Hamilton Square, That the same shoul'd be intersected in the Center, by a public Street at right Angles thereto, and Paralel to the Boston and Harlaem Avenues, of Sixty feet and to be denominated Harlaem Avenue, that the remaining portion of the Land shoul'd be divided into twenty Eight Lotts of equal Size each Lot containing Sixty two feet Seven Inches front & Rear by three hundred & Sixty five feet in length, all which is particularly delineated in a Plan or Diagram hereunto annexed and to which the Committee beg leave to refer. Your Committee are further of Opinion that the Lots thus laid out shoul'd be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder in fee Simple, subject to an annual Rent or Reservation of twenty bushels of Wheat or the Value thereof in lawful

* Marginal note reads *For Conditions of Sale, See Vol. 17. P. 45.*—Ed.

Money for each and every Lot; the Sale to take place on the Eighth day of April next at twelve OClock at the Tontine Coffee house and Subject to the following Conditions to wit. That all Dwelling Houses to be [357] erected on those Lotts shall front the Square; That they shall be built on a line twenty feet from the line of the Street and that for the term of twenty years there shall be not more than one Dwelling House on each Lot; Ten per Cent of the purchase Money to be paid down, the residue in two equal payments of three & six Months, and the Title to be compleated on the payment of the last Instalment. That the Street Commissioner cause public Notice to be given of the time and place of Sale, And that he cause an accurate Map of the property to be made on a large Scale and suspended in some conspicuous part of the public Room at the said Coffee house, for four days at least prior to the day of Sale. All which is respectfully submitted

New York March 23d 1807

sign'd Nicholas Fish
Robt Bogardus

Ordered that a Reservation of 125 feet square be taken from the Rear of Lots No 17 & No 15 for a Church and Accademy And 15 feet be also taken from the Rear of Lot No 15 to accomodate Lot No 17 with a Cart way from the Street

Resolved that the three Lots of Ground belonging to this Board and situated at the North Westerly point of the Common Lands adjoining the Harlaem line & containing about five Acres each, and the Triangular piece of Ground situate above the Tavern of Anthony Smith & Adjoining the Harlaem line be disposed of at public Vendue on leases of forty two years

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Charles Brennuysen for four dollars in payment of two fire Buckets lost at a Fire

The application of Isaac Clason for the Regulation of part of Pitt Street & for leave to remove Dirt from part of said Street was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Application of Peter Ogilvie for leave to remove Dirt from Pitt Street was referr'd to the Street [358] Commissioner

The Memorial of George Collins & others Trustees of the African Church complaining of their Worship's being disturbed on Sundays by Boys and unruly Persons & requesting that a Watchman may be stationed at said Church during their hours of public Worship was referr'd to the Watch Committee with Instructions to have a Watchman stationed there accordingly

Several Remonstrances against the Broad Way assessment were presented to the Board which together with the Report of the Street Commissioner on that Subject was referr'd to Alderman Fish Mr Bogardus and Alderman Ritter

The Petition of John L Fink for Stand Number forty Six in the Fly Market now occupied by his Uncle John Fink who is willing to relinquish the same to him was granted

The Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Eighth Ward for a Pump was referr'd to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward with Power to grant the same

The Memorial of Caspar Samlar stating that about Eleven years ago he fenced in a piece of Corporation property by the direction of one of its Members, that he has been three years out of possession, that he was not permitted when dispossessed to take away the fence, he now solicits leave to do so or that the Corporation will pay him the Value of it. the same was referr'd to the Comptroller

The Petition of John Kehoe praying to be exempted from the payment of a fine in consequence of his having Liquor without a Licence from the Commissioners of Excise was referr'd to the Attorney of the Board

William Mott was appointed a Fireman [359] to Engine N° Eleven in the Room of Nathaniel Wells resigned David Wilson and John Sniffer were appointed to Engine N° twenty two in the place of N. Grenard & Hugh McDole Junr resigned

The Petition of Florence Crowley praying to be appointed an Inspector of Wood was ordered to lie on the Table

The Representation of Samuel Osborn & others complaining of the Manner in which Brooklyn Ferry is kept was referr'd to the Ferry Committee to enquire into the Causes of Complaint and report thereon

The Market Committee having reported that Henry Rosencranz ought to be licensed as a Butcher & to have stand N° 32 in Hudsons Market granted to him, that John Rhodes ought also to be licenced & to have Stand N° 13 in the Fly Market, And that Henry Kline ought Also to be licensed and to have stand N° 23 in Hudson Market the said Report was confirm'd

The Consideration of the Law regulating the Width of Streets heretofore laid before the Board was postponed until the next Meeting of the Board An Account for Interest on a Bond to be paid to John Stilwil was referr'd to the Comptroller

The Board proceeded to Ballot for a Superintendant of Repairs

and on counting the Ballots it appeared that Nicholas Carmar was chosen

The following Resolution was agreed to Resolved that All Monies due to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York shall in future be paid to the City Treasurer or Chamberlain only and by him accounted for to the Comptroller of this Board

The Street Commissioner having represented to the Board that owing to a Quantity of Earth's being wash'd into Grand Street, a part of said Street has been so raised as to cause the Water cast therefrom to spread over the neighbouring Streets and greatly incommode the Inhabitants thereof—Ordered that the Street Commissioner do cause the said Earth to be carted away

[360] The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that the Sale of the Lotts known by the name of the Dove Lotts be made under the direction of the Committee appointed to Report relative to the Dove Lotts and that they have power to determine the Conditions of the Sale under the terms agreed on by the Board, And to procure from the Counsel a draft of an Agreement pursuant to such Conditions, to be signed by the Purchassers And also of a Deed in conformity to the Resolutions of the Board respecting the same

The Street Commissioner having represented to the Board that repairs were wanted at Burling Slip, he was authorized by the Board to employ a Dock Builder to make the same

The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the Petition to regulate Crosby Street from Grand to Hester Streets, reported an ordinance for that purpose which was agreed to & Elias Haviland Leonard Warner Leonard Seaman & Charles Golden were appointed the Assessors

Ordered that the Counsel of the Corporation be requested to inform this Board whether in his Opinion the Ground call'd Stuyvesant Street is or is not a public Street

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances from N° 3279 to N° 3307 and the same were pass'd

Ordered that the Lamp Committee Report to the Board the Plan which in their Opinion it will be most expedient to adopt for lighting the City

The City Inspector to whom was referr'd the Petition of Henry Tripp reported against the appointment of a person to take care of the Park as unnecessary. And the same was agreed to

[361] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No	55	To John H Sickles on Account of Marble Contract.....	1000.
	56	To John H Sickles on Account of New City Hall.....	2000.
	57	To Abel Hardenbrook for Engines.....	400.
	58	To Bartholemew Skaats for fuel.....	50.
	59	To William Ray on Acct of Manhattan Ville Road.....	150.
	60	To Charles Brennuysen for the loss of two fire buckets.....	4.
	61	To Daniel Woolsey for procuring Dock Logs.....	15.
	62	George Lowther for labor at prison Yard.....	3.50
	63	To Daniel Davis for repairing pumps.....	39.62
	64	To Wm P. Roome for his Services.....	108.
	65	To Hoogland & Onderdonk for Powder.....	3.75
	66	To Mathew Dikeman for Repairs.....	4.68
	67	To Robert Brown for Carting.....	67.
	68	To Bernard Hart for the loss of a fire bucket.....	2.

[362] In Common Council April 6th 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor
Maturin Livingston Esqr Recorder

Jacob Le Roy		John W. Mulligan
Thurston Wood		Thomas Demarest
Selah Strong		Gerard De Peyster
Wynand Van Zandt Jr	Esqrs	John Hopper Jr
Jn P. Ritter	Aldermen	Robert Bogardus
Jacob Mott		Andrew Morris
Nicholas Fish		Stephen Ludlum
Roger Strong		
Jn D. Miller		

Assistants

A Letter from Eugene Lucette suggesting the propriety of rescinding Resolutions of this Board providing that certain Vacant Lotts in Magazine Street shall be a Deposit for the filth and Manure of the City, was referr'd to the City Inspector with directions to confer with the Resident Physician relative to the same and Report to this Board

The Petition of George Rogers & others Fishermen complaining that their Carr's are ordered from the Wharf of Fly Market Slip was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Petition of Hester De Witt complaining of her being assess'd for a Lot of Ground to which she has only a right of Dower was referr'd to the attorney of the Board*

A Representation from John Murray Jr [363] stating the poverty of William Elsworth who has been taxed & which tax he thinks ought to be remitted to him was referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the sixth Ward

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 19.*—ED.

The Petition of Peter Conover stating that in September 1805 while doing duty as a Watchman he caught the Yellow fever that his Physicians Bill for attending him during his sickness amounts to fifty two dollars was referr'd to the Watch Committee

The Petition of D. Kemper & others complaining that in Violation of the Law some of the Weigh Masters perform their duty by deputy was referr'd to Alderman Van Zandt & Mes[rs] Mulligan & Bogardus

The Petition of George & Robert N Waite praying for leave to dig away part of a Hill near to the powder House and to remove the Earth from the same to their own Grounds was granted the same to be done under the direction of the Road Committee

It having been represented to this Board by Oliver Waldron that he shew to Samuel B. Waldron a written order from the Chairman of the Road Committee to deliver to him the Tools belonging to his Department which he refused to comply with Therefore Resolved that the said Samuel B. Waldron one of the late Road Masters deliver to Oliver Waldron the present Road Master all the public Tools and other property belonging to that Department and in default thereof that the Attorney of this Board commence a Suit for the recovery thereof against the said Samuel B. Waldron

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referr'd the Petition of John Kehoe reported That the Petitioner in subjecting himself to a fine acted more from incorrect advice than a desire to contravene the Law and that so much of the fine as accrues to this Board ought to be remitted, and the same was confirmed

The Petition of Patrick Barry praying to be exempted from the payment of a fine incurr'd [364] in Consequence of his having sold Liquor without a Licence from the Commissioners of Excise was referrd to the Attorney of the Board

The Comptroller informed this Board of the Progress made in the several Bills which this Board had pray'd the Legislature to pass into Laws

The Comptroller represented to the Board that there are a number of Accounts presented to him for Materials furnish'd and Work performed for the Corporation by the Order of Cornelius Warner late Superintendant of Repairs, and requested of this Board directions with regard to the Evidence he is to require from the persons presenting those Accounts. Thereupon Resolved that Cornelius Warner late Superintendant of Repairs do furnish the Comptroller with his Account Current and the Accounts of all the persons employed by him and of the Articles furnish'd on Account of and for this Board

The Comptroller having informed the Board that the last Quarters Dividends on Manhattan Shares belonging to the Corporation have not yet been recieved no power having been given therefore & Also that a Warrant ought to issue for the payment of the Interest due to the Manhattan Company on the Corporation Bonds held by them Ordered that the Clerk do prepare the necessary Instrument to enable the Comptroller to recieve the Amount of the said Dividends and that the Comptroller ascertain the Amount of Interest money due to the Manhattan Company

[365] The Petitions of George Grier and James McLean praying to be exempted from the payment of fines incurr'd for selling Liquor without Licences from the Commissioners of Excise were referr'd to the Attorney of the Board

The Petition of Roger Crandel & others Fishermen complaining that Wharfage is demanded for their Boat at Fly Market Wharf was referr'd to the Attorney of the Board

The Petition of Henry Brooks stating that a Well has been sunk in Magazine Street which has cost more than can be raised by Subscription was referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward

The following Resolution was agreed to Resolved that Samuel Hutchins and John T. Crane have time until Monday next to remove their Manure deposited on the public Grounds

*The Attorney of the Board to whom was referr'd the Petition of Daniel N. Traine reported that the Suits commenced against him and his Surety ought to be discharged and the Bond cancelled on his paying the Costs already accrued And the same was agreed to

The Comptroller made the following Report The Comptroller reports That one of the former Attornies of the Board wishing to present an accurate Account of his payment to and his reciepts from the Board & not being able to accomplish it for the present Meeting of the Common Council, delays the Report of the Comptroller upon that Subject which had been committed to him

The Comptroller having requested the Appointment of a Committee to settle his Account for a small Sum deposited in his hands for the payment [366] of labourers employed at the Collect Mr Morris and Alderman Ritter were appointed accordingly

The Trustees of the New York Free School having requested the Use of about twenty feet of the Bridewell yard adjoining their School House for privies Ordered that the Superintendant of the Alms

* Marginal note reads *Corrected July. 13 1807.*—Ed.

House assign to the said Trustees in such places as may be convenient for the above purpose the space required

*The Committee appointed to superintend the Sale of the Dove Lotts reported the Draft of an Instrument to be signed by the purchassors of the said Lotts and the same was agreed to

†The Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward to whom was referr'd the Petition of John Charles reported that they are of Opinion that the Sum of Seventy five pounds as formerly reported by the Comptroller as the Rent of the said Lot is a reasonable Rent for the same they therefore recommend that a Lease issue to the Petitioner on the Usual terms reserving the said Rent And the same was agreed to

Ordered that the Reconsideration of the Report on the Petition of Charles McCarty be discharged the same not having been moved for within the time limited by the Rules of this Board

The City Inspector reported ordinances from N° 3294 to N° 3313 and the same were pass'd

The Street Commissioner having represented the necessity of Repairs being made at the Stairs of Brooklyn Ferry and the Middle Pier of Coenties Slip Ordered that the Superintendant [367] of Repairs do repair the same

Ordered that the Clerk furnish each of the Inspectors of the ensuing Election for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Members of Assembly with an Abstract of the 4th Section of the Election Law

The following Persons were appointed Inspectors of the Ensuing Election for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senator and Members of Assembly

Samuel Boyd William Bayard William Hillyer	for the first Ward	Leonard Lispenard Ichabod Prall Ezra Weeks	fifth Ward
Thomas L. Ogden John Bogert Gerrit Gilbert	third Ward	Gabriel Furman Andrew Paff John Crolius Jr	Sixth Ward
Daniel M. Hitchcock John Brown Peter M Cartee	fourth Ward	Peter G. Stuvesant Jamison Cox Jacob Morrell	Seventh Ward
Samuel M. Hopkins James Heard Ichabod Prall	Second Ward	William H Robinson George Lindsay Gilbert Coutant	Eighth Ward
Dirck Ten Broeck Valentine Nutter Patrick McKay	Ninth Ward		

* Marginal note reads *Conditions of Sale entered Vol. 17 Page. 45.*—Ed.

† Marginal note reads *Vide 2d Entry P. 488. Supposed to have been omitted.*—Ed.

[368] Ordered That the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay to

Nº	69	To Magnus Beekman for City Watch	$217.56
	70	To William Van Wart for City Watch	237.16
	71	To Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch	237.16
	72	To John Farrington for City Watch	217.56
	73	To Jacob Hays for City Watch	168.56
	74	To John Pintard for Salary as City Inspector	312.50
	75	To William M. Summers for Salary as Inspector of Bread	98.60
	76	To Edward Moran for Salary	52.
	77	To Charles Van Orden for City Watch	168.56
	78	To John Ogden for Carting	15.75
	79	To John Requa for labor at Roads	4.30
	80	To Jacob Morton for 1 Quarters Salary as Comptroller	250. 0
	81	To Richard Tierney for Materials & labor at Streets	16.25
	82	To James Hardie for one months Salary &cª	64. 0
	83	To Matthew Dikeman for repairing Pumps	37.90
	84	To Mathew Dikeman for repairing Pumps	17.34
	85	To Mathew Dikeman for repairing Pumps	3. 1
	86	To Andrew Leary for Carpenters Work at Gaol	72.75
	87	To Thomas Smyth for Locks &cª to Gaol	153.54
	88	To Watson & Campbell for timber & Engines for Gaol	84. 4
	89	To William & J. Ferguson for timber &cª for Engine houses	13.36
	90	To James Votey for Timber &cª for Engine houses	33.19
	91	To Edward Meeks for blacksmiths Work for Engine Houses & Gaol	61.46
	92	To Jacob Morton for Amt of Interest on Manhattan Shares belonging to Corporation	2715.80

[369] In Common Council April 15. 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor

Selah Strong Jacob Le Roy Jacob Mott Roger Strong Wynand Van Zandt Jr	Esquires Aldermen	Andrew Morris Samuel Haight Thomas De Marest Samuel Torbet John W. Mulligan Stephen Ludlum Robert Bogardus
		Assistants

The Petition of William Thomas praying for leave to Dock out beyond High Water Mark was referr'd to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller*

The Memorial of Abraham Russell and others Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church complaining of the Interruption of their Service on Sundays by disorderly persons and requesting that Watchmen may be stationed at their Churches was referr'd to Alderman Van Zandt Alderman Selah Strong and Mr Robert Bogardus

* Marginal note reads *See P. 394 428.*—Ed.

The Petition of Henry Titus* stating that he is the lessee of three Corporation Lotts at the Corner of Pearl and Chatham Streets at a Rent of Eight hundred dollars per Annum which he states to be more than they are Worth was referr'd to Alderman Ritter Alderman Mott & Mes^{rs} Morris and Torbet

The Petition of Ann Walker Widow & Administratrix of James Walker deceased stating that her husband in his life time agreed with this Board to purchase some of the Inkleberg Lotts [370] for which no Conveyance has been executed nor was any payment made by him. That his Debts have absorbed more than the whole of his Personal Estate and that a compliance with the above Agreement will be attended with great Inconveniency to her in as much as it will lessen her means of supporting her family, and as in her Capacity of Executrix and Guardian she cannot take a Conveyance of said Lotts. She therefore prays to be relieved from a compliance with her Agreement. The said Petition was referr'd to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner

The Petition of Lawrence Hyer stating that he is the Lessee of two Lotts of Ground belonging to this Board fronting on Chatham Street, that they were supposed at the time of his leasing them to contain thirty feet in breadth in consequence of which he was charged a Rent of four hundred and fifty Dollars, that they are only twenty five feet in front and one of them only Eighty feet in depth instead of one hundred in consequence of which he prays for an Abatement of the Rent. the same was referr'd to Alderman Mott & Mes^{rs} Bogardus and Torbet

The Petition of George Riker and others Heirs of Dorothy Riker praying that the Sum of three thousand and Seventy five dollars awarded to them by a Jury for a piece of Ground and a Shop taken by this Board, with Interest thereon from the 14 day of January 1806 may be paid to them was referr'd to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The Petition of John M. Mason and others praying that the Pavement in Pine Street may be repaired was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

[371] The Counsel of the Board who had been requested to inform this Board Whether in his Opinion the Grounds commonly call'd Stuyvesant Street are a public Street or not Submitted the following Statement and Opinion to the Board

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 215.*—ED.

Case of Stuyvesant Street

On the 30th Novr 1787 Evert Bancker Junr one of the Surveyors for the City of New York, surveyed and laid out at the request of Peter Stuyvesant on his Farm in the then Out Ward of the City of New York, a piece of Ground intended for a Street then and since known and call'd by the name of Stuyvesant Street

On the 30th day of March 1789, the said Peter Stuyvesant conveyed by Indenture of Lease, Lots of Ground bounded by the said Street, to John Coutant and Gilbert Coutant

On the day of 179 the Ground on which St Marks Church in the Bowery is erected, also bounded by the said Street was conveyed in fee to the Corporation of Trinity St Marks in the Bowery was built in the Year 1795 before which time and since the said Piece of Ground has remained laid open, and has ever since been used by the Public for their enjoyment and Accomodation as an High Way

The Legislature by an Act passed the 7th of March 1793 vested all the Right Title Interest Claim and demand Whatsoever, of the People of this State of in and to all lands at any time heretofore left for Streets or high Ways in the City of New York, by any person or persons whomsoever, in the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors, for the Use of Streets and High Ways

[372] The Legislature by an Act pass'd the 30th March 1799 declare "that no New Street shall thereafter be laid out in the City of New York except with the Approbation of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty in Common Council convened, and if any such Street should be laid out without such Permission it shoul'd be lawful for the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty by Bye Laws or Ordinances to direct the same to be stopp'd up, and all Buildings adjoining thereto to be removed by the Proprietors or Occupants within such times and under such Penalties, as they shoul'd think proper, and that all Streets not then already named and approved of by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty shoul'd be considered as New Streets within the Meaning of that Act which had expired on the 30th March 1802

By an Act pass'd the Second of April 1803 the Legislature have made Similar Provisions to those contained in the Act of the 30th of March 1799 with this Variation that by the last Act all Streets not then already named and opened shoul'd be considered as new Streets within the Meaning thereof

On the 11th of December 1797 contracted with Casimer Th. Goerck & Joseph Mangin City Surveyors to make a New Map of the City from the Battery to the Sandy Hill road at the two Mile Stone

and Easterly including the Street on which the New Episcopal Church stands on Stuyvesants Grounds to the East River, and Westerly to the North River so as to include the Sandy Hill Road and the State Prison. By the Contract the Map was to contain certain specific Descriptions, and a Field Book to accompany the same and they were [373] to deliver another Map upon a smaller Scale which was intended for Sale to indemnify the Common Council &c[a]

From the Minutes of the Common Council it appears that

" On the 10[th] of April 1799 the Mayor laid before the Board the new Map of the City made by M[r] Mangin which was committed to a Committee to examine and correct, as to the names of Streets, and also to Report a Mode for obtaining Subscribers to the Work

" On the 15 of July 1799 Ordered that the Committee on the Subject with M[r] Mangin, obtain the engraving of the New Map of this City by M[r] Mavrick or other competent person on the best terms they can

On the 30[th] March 1801. it appearing that great inconvenience is sustained in consequence of having several Streets designated by the same Names, Ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed to attend to the completion of the new Map of the City, and that he be authorized to employ M[r] Richard Furman to assist him in the execution of that duty

On the 14[th] February 1804 Alderman Barker, Alderman Brasher & Alderman Oothout were appointed a Committee in conjunction with the Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to examine the New Map of this City now nearly ready to be published, and to take such measures as will be most proper to indemnify this Board and the persons who have executed the same for the expence that has been incurr'd

A number of these Maps were Sold by the Corporation with the Title of " A Plan and Regulation of the City of New York made from Actual Survey by Casmer Th. Goerck and Josep Fr Mangin City Surveyor by order of the Common Council and protracted by Joseph Fr Mangin Anno Domini 1800

[374] Some Alterations were afterwards made on the Map and instead of the above Title a label was substituted in these Words " Plan of the City of New York drawn from actual Survey by Carmer Th Goerck and Joseph F. Mangin City Surveyors. This Plan shews the Wards of the City as lately altered by the Legislature, and designates with Accuracy most of the Streets and Wharves and Slips &c[a] lying to the South Ward of a line beginning at the North River at Watts Street, thence extending thro' said Street to Hudson Street,

thence to Leonard Street thence to Broad Way, from thence in a line to Bayard Street, thro' this Street to Bowery Road, thence to Bullock Street, and thro' this Street to the East River. Except Brannon and Spring Streets, none of the Streets to the North Ward of the line above mentioned have been ceded to the Corporation, or have been approved and opened under their authority; they are therefore to be considered, subject to such future Arrangements as the Corporation may deem best calculated to promote health, introduce Regularity, and conduce to the conveniency of the City. New York Nov^{r} 1803

By an Act of the Legislature pass'd the 8th March 1803 entitled "an Act to increase the number of Wards in the City of New York and to equalize the same, the Boundaries of the Seventh Ward are described in these words" The Seventh Ward shall begin at the South Easterly corner of the fourth Ward; thence along the Northerly boundary of said Ward to the boundary of the sixth Ward thence along the Boundary of the Sixth Ward to the Bowery Road, thence along the Middle of the Bowery Road to a place opposite to the Middle of Stuyvesant Street, then along the [375] Middle of Stuyvesant Street in front of S^{t} Marks Church to the East River, and on a direct course to low Water Mark on Nassau Island &c^{a}

By three Acts of the Legislature severally entitled an Act to enable the Corporation of the City of New York to raise Monies by Tax pass'd April 6: 1804, March 28: 1805 and February 17. 1806. The lamp and Watch District of the City is described to be "to the South Ward of a line beginning at the North River at a place call'd De Klines ferry a little to the North Ward of the State Prison; thence Eastwardly in front of the new Banking houses, to a Road commonly call'd the Sandy Hill Road, thence along the said Sandy Hill Road to the North Ward of Potters field, and the house of William Neilson to the Bowery road, thence across the Bowery Road to a Street commonly call'd Stuyvesant Street, and thro' the Middle thereof to the East River

The said Piece of Ground or Street has never been actually ceded by Deed, from the said Peter Stuyvesant or any other person or persons to the Corporation

The Proprietors of Ground bounded by the said Street have petitioned the Corporation to cause the said Street to be regulated by ordinances in the Usual Way

The Corporation are now desirous to know if by the Acts of the said Peter Stuyvesant, the Legislature and themselves, the said Street has been regularly opened, named, approved, and sanctioned, as a

public Street or high Way, and if it is not a public Street, and it can be shut up, have they the Power so to order

Answer

Tho there are several Circumstances in this Case which might lead to the Idea that the Ground call'd [376] Stuyvesant Street was considered as a *a* public Street, yet I am of Opinion that they are not binding on the Corporation

The Charter gives the Corporation full Power and Authority to establish and appoint the laying out of all Streets, and the altering mending and repairing them

This Grant woul'd be Nugatory if every Individual had a Right to lay out Streets over his Grounds according to his own Fancy

The Several Acts of the Legislature mentioned in the Case do not in my Opinion destroy the Original Power. They only restrain the Corporation from removing the Buildings, unless they are valued and paid for in the Manner prescribed by Law

I think therefore that the Corporation may if they deem it proper, order this Street to be shut up, provided no Act was passed at the late Session of the Legislature which may deprive them of that Right

The Expediency of such a Measure they alone are competent to decide

Rich: Harison
13th Apl 1807

The Petition of Abraham Stagg requesting the Payment of $1937 $\frac{1}{100}$ which he states to be due to him for the paving and regulating of Streets was referrd to the Street Commissioner

A letter was read from Mr Harison [377] informing the Board that a Declaration had been served on him in a Suit commenced in the Circuit Court of the United States against this Board for having authorized the use of certain Mud Machines to cleanse the public Slips by the Patentee of the said Machine and requesting Directions with regard to the defence which he is to make. thereupon ordered that the Attorney of the Board do prepare for the Counsel a Statement of such facts as may be necessary for the said defence

The Petition of John Sigeson stating that Ann Witchin died indebted to him in the Sum of two hundred and fifty Dollars, that forty dollars were paid to him by the Surrogate on Account and the residue was paid into the City Treasury, Daniel Phœnix having administred, and praying that after the said Debt may have been ascertained to be

due to him that the same may be paid. the said Petition was referr'd to the Attorney of the Board

Ordered that John H Sickles and Edmund Seaman have leave to build Vaults in Broadway opposite to their houses under the Direction of the Street Commissioner

William Mathews having pray'd that this Board will appoint some person on their part to Value the extra Work done by him at the Bridge near the Powder house Ordered that John B. Macomb be authorized on the part of this Board to appraise the said Work

The application of Thomas Dick to [378] *to* lease a house and Lott now in his Possession for another Year was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

A Letter was read from Leonard Bleecker offering to pay for the Purchase of one of the Inklenberg Lotts out of a Corporation Bond held by him for two thousand four hundred Dollars and requesting that the Balance after deducting the amount of the said purchase money may be paid to him, was ordered to lie on the Table

A Report was made from the Police Office relative to the Suspension of two Watchmen and the same was referr'd to the Watch Committee

The Petition of William Philips praying to be appointed a Measurer of Salt was postponed until the next Meeting of this Board

The Petition of Augustus Lawrence and others stating that they are the Lessees of Lotts under Peter Lorillard, that the opening of Canal Street has cut off a part of the said Lotts, that M^r^ Lorillard will exact Rent for the whole, and the Petitioners pray that this Board will pay him for as much thereof as have been taken for public purposes. the same was referr'd to the Canal Committee

The Attorney of the Board having reported on the Petitions of Patrick Barry James M^c^Clean George Gier and Anthony Smith who were severally complained of for selling Liquor without a Licence from the Commissioner of Excise. Ordered that the Penalty accruing to this Board be remitted on their paying the Costs

The Memorial of John S Hunn [379] stating the inconveniencies to which Masters of run away Slaves are subjected in consequence of their not being permitted to send them to Bride Well, was referr'd to Alderman Mott M^r^ Bogardus and D^r^ Torbet

Ordered that a Court of Special Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York be held on the first Tuesday in May next

Ordered that the draft of the Law to determine the Width of Walks & for other purposes be referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the second Ward

The Street Commissioner having requested leave of the Corporation to change the security of Messrs Thomas and John Gardner for that of Mr Gabriel Furman for digging out a part of Cherry Street & that he may prolong the time limited for the performance of the same, the said request was granted

Ordered that the Mayor employ as many Marshalls as he may think proper & necessary on Sundays to cause the Sabbath Laws to be enforced and that this Board will pay them a reasonable Compensation therefor

Ordered That The Mayor Issue his Warrants to pay

No	93	To Richard Furman as Superintendant of Alms House...	$3000.
	94	To James Horner for repairs of Pumps.....	98.78
	95	To Nathaniel Pendleton for Costs in two Suits.....	233. 4
	96	To Joseph Cholwell on Account of City Lamps.....	1000. 0
	97	To Edward Watkeys for Candles.....	11.45
	98	To Amos Rooke for one quarters Salary attending Signal Polls	70. 0
	99	To Hoogland & Onderdonk for Powder.....	3. 6
	100	To Edward Meeks for Iron Work for Lamps.....	30. 0
	101	To Peter Burtsell for Stationary to City Inspectors office	27.25
	102	To Do Do Do for Comptrollers office	43.74
	104	To Jacob Halsey for Scow & Piling Machine.....	35. 0
	105	To Abel Hardenbrook for two fire Engines.....	580. 0
	106	To John Stilwil for Interest on his Bond.....	31.66

[380] In Common Council April the 20. 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor

Jacob Le Roy Jacob Mott Selah Strong Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Roger Strong John D. Miller John P. Ritter	Esquires Aldermen	John Hopper Jr Gerard De Peyster Thomas De Marest Stephen Ludlum John W. Mulligan Samuel Torbet Andrew Morris	Assistants

The Petition of Jedediah Waterman stating that he leased a House of this Board, that he has expended in Additions and Repairs on the same the Sum of fifteen hundred Dollars. That when his Lease was renewed no abatement was made in the Rent in consequence of his Ex-

penditures, the said Petition was referr'd to Alderman Ritter Alderman Mott & Mr Morris*

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Police Office notifying this Board that Capt Magnus Beekman had suspended one of his Watchmen for sleeping on his Post and the same was referr'd to the Watch Committee

]381] Ordered that Alderman Roger Strong & Messrs Mulligan and Morris be a Committee to report to this Board the Amount of Corporation Bonds due and unpaid and that they also report such Measures as in their opinion ought to be taken for the payment of the same

The Memorial of Paul B. Loyd praying that this Board will pay him the Balance due on his Bond amounting to Six hundred & thirty three dollars & thirty four Cents together with the Interest due on the same

The Petition of Manis Fury praying to be exempted from a fine in consequence of having sold Liquor without a Licence from the Commissioner of Excise was referr'd to the Attorney of the Board

The Petition of John Persinger and others Butchers having stands in the Fly Market complaining that persons other than Farmers occupy the lower part of the said Market & sell Meat by the quarter which the Petitioners pray that they may be prevented from doing. the said Petition was referr'd to the Market Committee

The Petition of Seth Kneeland and others Inhabitants of Oak Street praying that part of said Street be paved according to the new Mode lately adopted in the City was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Certificate of Benjamin Gilmore & others stating that the Lotts lately ordered to be fill'd up at the Foot of George Street are not in a Situation to require the same was referr'd to the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh Ward

The Petition of Timothy B. Crane & others Inhabitants of Sugar Loaf Street praying for the [382] Regulation of the said Street was referr'd to the Street Commissioner

The Committee to whom was referr'd the Communication of John Murray Junior respecting the remission of the taxes of William Elsworth reported in favor of granting the prayer of the Petitioner which said Report was agreed to

The Committee to whom was referr'd the application of Jacob Wilkins recommended a Survey of the Premisses mentioned in the

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 121.*—Ed.

said application under the direction of the Ferry Committee to whom the said Report was referr'd

The Street Commissioner made a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for building a Common Sewer in Gold & Ferry Streets and recommended that a Warrant be directed to issue to Hugh Montgomerie Collector to obtain the Money and the same was agreed to

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Jonathan Lawrence reported That no Relief ought to be given and that Mr Lawrence has no just cause of Complaint which said Report was agreed to by the Board

The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the application of Abraham Bussing recommended the adoption of the following Resolution and the same was agreed to.

Resolved that Alderman LeRoy Mr Haight and the Street Commissioner be a Committee with ample Powers to treat with the Proprietors of the Lotts of Ground [383] in Courtland Street between Washington & Greenwich Streets fronting on the former Slip, about a reasonable compensation to be given by them to this Board, for the Priviledge of advancing their fronts on a line with the houses built on the East thereof

The Street Commissioner returned a List of the Delinquents on the Assessment for paving the Intersections of Rutgers Street and James Slip and Warrants were directed to issue in favor of James Van Gilder Jr to collect the Money

The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the Petition of Mr Ogilvie and Mr Clason reported against their having leave to remove Dirt pray'd for, and in favor of regulating the Street mentioned in their Memorials

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment of Beekman Slip thereupon Ordered that he give Notice of the same in the Papers employed by this Board

The Street Commissioner presented an Account of the ballance due from the Corporation for sinking a Bulkhead at the lower end of Gouverneur Street and recommended the payment of Six hundred and fifty four dollars and fifty Cents to Abraham Stagg Jr as Collector, and the same was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for regulating White Street which was agreed to and John Desbrow John P. McCombs Abraham Russell and Moses Coddington and Abraham Coddington were appointed the Assessors

[384] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting of Nuisances from No 3314 to No 3324 which were pass'd

The Comptroller reported to the Board the following Sales of the Dove Lotts

Lotts	Dollars	Purchassers
No 1 for	1300	Mr Ingraham
2	1650	Jacob Barker
3	950	Mr Ingraham
4	1050	Mr Barker
5	800	Mr Bogardus
6	1050	Mr Jotham Post
7	700	Robert Bogardus
8	1050	Jotham Post
9	600	Jacob Cholwell
10	1100	John Mowatt
11	600	Jacob Cholwell
12	1100	John Mowatt
13	650	David S. Jones
14	1250	Peter W. Radcliff
15	650	Mr Campbell
16	700	Robert Bogardus
17	530	E Leavenworth
18	610	David S. Jones
19	410	Isaac Heyer
20	720	Peter W. Radcliff
21	325	John S. Hunn
22	490	Peter W. Radcliff
23	330	Jacob Barker
24	510	Edward Dunscomb
25	360	Jacob Barker
26	530	Robt McMenomy
27	400	Jacob Barker
28	520	John Jackson
Doll.	20,935	

[385] Leases of Corporation Lotts for 42 Years sold 15. April 1807

5 Acres	Purchassers	Annual Rent
DNo 1	Mr James Abeel	$27
5 Acres ANo 2 above	Oliver Vanderbilt	25
6 Acres No 3 nearly	Oliver Vanderbilt	31
4 Acres B.No 4 No 199	Oliver Vander Bilt	68
½ Acres	Mr Edward Dunscomb	20

[386] A letter was read from Abraham Prall requesting that this Board will cause Lott N° 25 purchased at the Sale of the Inkelbergh Lotts to be conveyed to George J. Warner and the said request was agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the Street Commissioner add a clause to the Bill (to regulate the Walks and for the paving of the Streets in the City of New York) providing that whenever the digging away any Road or Street shall render the passing thro' the same dangerous that a fence shall be put up at the expence of the Contractors (if the work is done by Contract) and at the expence of this Board when not contracted for, so as to render a passage thro' the same safe And that the Law so amended do pass

Andrew Paff one of the Inspectors appointed to superintend the ensuing Election for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senator and Members of Assembly having requested leave to resign the said Office of Inspector the question was taken by Yeas and Nays and pass'd in the Negative in manner following

For the Affirmative		For the Negative	
Aldermen	Mott	Aldermen	Le Roy
	Wood		S. Strong
	Miller		Fish
Mes[rs]	Hopper		R. Strong
	Demarest		Ritter
	Ludlum	Mes[rs]	De Peyster
	Torbet		Mulligan
			Morris

for the Affirmative Seven for the Negative Eight

[387] Resolved that the Auctioneer who sold the Dove Lotts be entitled to receive two Dollars and fifty Cents per Lott including those of which the Leases were sold

Ordered that the Watch Committee be empowered on the Application of the Trustees of any Religious Society to station a Watchman at their place of Worship during the hours of such Worship

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

N°	107	To Paul B. Lloy'd for the balance due on his Bond.....	$688.74
	108	To Abraham Stagg Jun[r] for sinking Bulkhead.....	654.50
	109	To Jacob Morton for expences of Journey to Albany on Corporation business	102.71
	110	To Jacob Hays for City Watch.....	168.56
	111	To Charles Van Orden for D°	168.56
	112	To Magnus Beekman for D°	217.56
	113	To John Farrington for D°	217.56
	114	To Nicholas Lawrence for D°	237.16

No 115	To Wm Van Wart for City Watch	$237.16
116	To Danl Woolsey for repairs to Docks	72.50
117	To Do Do Do Do	22.50
118	To Jacob De la Montagnie for Quarters Salary	250. 0
119	To B. O Blenis for one quarters Salary	250.
120	To Edward Meeks for Blacksmiths Work at Docks	32.62
121	To Do Do at Engines	24.37
122	To Ephraim Brasher for Blanks for Tavern licenses	29.62
123	To Cornelius Brinckerhoff for Pump Chambers	70. 0
124	To Jacob Morton for payt of Constables & Marshalls executing Sunday Law	47. 0
125	To John Cozine for landing Dock logs	73.15
126	To Simon Van Antwerp for Iron Mongery for pumps	4.65
127	To Do Do Do for City Watch.	7.70
128	To Do Do Do for Alms House	12.13
129	To Do Do Do for Engines	36.34
130	To Silas Balcom for blacksmiths Work at Pumps	36. 0
131	To John Sharp for Timber for Docks &ca	64.83
132	To Wm Leary for Carpenter's Work at Engine houses	21.25
133	To Andrew Leary for Work at Engine Houses	24.75
134	To Hoogland & Onderdonk for Horse feed at Belle Vue	15.25
135	To Joseph Boyd for carting	6.75
136	To Watson & Campbell for boards &ca for engine Houses	259.11
137	To Do Do for Watch houses	18.30
138	To Do Do for Wells & Pumps	34. 6
139	To Do Do for Alms House	123.14
140	To Do Do for Streets	19.67
141	To Geo A & T. Bebee for selling Dove Lotts at Auction	82.50

[388] In Common Council April 27. 1807

Present. Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor

Selah Strong Jacob Le Roy Jacob Mott Roger Strong Nicholas Fish	Esqrs Aldermen	Gerard De Peyster Benjamin Haight Thomas De Marest Samuel Torbet Andrew Morris John W. Mulligan Stephen Ludlum — Assistants

A letter from Emmett & Van Slyck as Counsel for Mr Dugan stating that a part of his Property in Canal [Street] was taken for public purposes and requesting that the Value of the same may be ascertained by a Jury was referr'd to the Canal Committee

The Application of Abraham Binninger for a Lease of the House & Lott now in his Possession in Augustus Street until May 1809 was referr'd to the Comptroller

On the Application of William Mathews for a part of the Money which he states to be due to him for extra Work for this Board Ordered that a Warrant issue to him for two hundred Dollars on Account of said Work

The Application of Cornelius Ray [389] for a Water Grant opposite his Ground at Greenwich was referr'd to the Comptroller

The Petition of Charles Gilman for a Butchers Licence for his Son Thomas Gilman and a Stand in Duane Market when the same shall have been built was referr'd to the Market Committee

The Petition of John Henning for a Butchers Licence and for Stand N° 36 in Hudson Market now occupied by Thomas F. White who is willing to give it up to him was granted

Sundry Alterations in the Law for preventing and extinguishing of fires having been pray'd for by the Engineers and Foremen of the Fire Department the same was referr'd to the Fire Department

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for the Prevention of Nuisances from Number 3325 to Number 3328 and the same were agreed to

The Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the Petition of Thomas Dick reported against the prayer of the Petitioner but that he have leave to remain in the House occupied by him until the first of next June. Ordered that the Consideration of the said Report be postponed until the next Meeting of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment of Beekman Slip for the further Consideration of the Board accompanied by a letter from Peter Schermerhorn complaining that tho' the whole of said Assessment amounts only to $6598 $^{1}/_{100}$ & that he is charged with $3687 $^{4}/_{100}$ which he thinks is more than his proportion. the said assessment and letter were referr'd to the Alderman & Assistant of the second Ward

[390] The Street Commissioner presented to the Board an Account of the Heirs of Dorothy Riker deceased for part of the Award of the Jury in the case of Burling Slip the said Account with the Interest thereon amounting to $3337½ and the same was referr'd to the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner made a Representation relative to the Monies due to the Proprietors of Ground taken to open Canal Street and the same was referr'd to Alderman R Strong & Mes^{rs} Mulligan and Morris

John Vanderbilt was appointed a Fireman to Engine N° 26 in the place of Edward Searles dismiss'd for neglect of duty

The Petition of Charles Van Orden & others Watchmen stating that at the Riot on the 25 of December in Augustus Street they were, very much bruised and praying for some Indemnification for their loss of time and the expence they have been put to in consequence thereof was referr'd to the Watch Committee

The following Resolution was agreed to Resolved that the Mayor keep a list of the different Committees of this Board and call on the Chairman thereof every Monday to report on such references as shall have been made to them respectively

The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that five hundred Dollars be appropriated for the making of a Cellar under the [391] Market to be erected on the West Side of Washington Street between Duane & Reed Streets under the Directions of the Market Committee, the said Cellar when made to be for the sole Use and benefit of the Corporation

A letter from James Hardie to the City Inspector relative to the digging out some Lotts in Barley Street was referr'd to the Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward

Ordered that the Comptroller do call upon George Codwise Jr for the payment of the Amount due on his Bond to this Board

Resolved that Daniel Woolsey be no longer employ'd by this Board as a Dock builder

Ordered that the Market Committee Report to this Board Whether in their opinion Butchers ought to be licensed to sell Meat in the Bear Market on Benches

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

		Cents
No 142	To John Burhead for securing Corporation Timber.....	$1.25
143	To Deliverance Dutcher for Dockstone.....	122.50
144	To Charles Morris for Carpenters Work at Engines.....	30.
145	To Do Do Do for Watch boxes	12.50
146	To John Baptiste for Board & Sundries *found* [furnished] Oneida Indians	56. 0
147	To Isaac Blew for Carpenters Work.....	21.25
148	To Lemuel Skidmore for Cartage.....	15. 0
149	To William & T Ferguson for Timber &c[a] for Docks.....	7.50
150	To Do Do Do for Engine Houses.....	17.78
151	To Daniel Woolsey for labor at Docks.....	279.79
152	To Simon Van Antwerp for Iron Mongery.....	24.84
153	To Sands & Dickerson for sundries furnish'd.....	51.20½
154	To Andrew Leary for Carpenters Work.....	97.37
155	To William Bridges for Survey of Canal Street.....	108.
156	To Adolphus Loss for Survey of Canal Street.....	191.
157	To Archibald Smith for digging out Grand Street.....	55.25

N° 158	To Hugh Culbert for carting.....	$11.55
159	To Walton & Mighan for repaving Bowry &c.....	193.92
160	To James Horner for repairs to Pumps.....	31.21

[392] In Common Council May 4 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esq[r] Mayor

Aldermen	Assistants
Jacob Mott	John Hopper Jun[r]
Thurston Wood	Benjamin Haight
Wynand Van Zandt J[r]	Gerard De Peyster
John P. Ritter	Andrew Morris
Roger Strong	Thomas De Marest
Nicholas Fish	Stephen Ludlum
John D. Miller	Samuel Torbet
Selah Strong	John W. Mulligan

A Letter was read from Abraham Stagg requesting a speedy decision of this Board on his Application for the payment of Monies which he states to be due to him by the Corporation and the same was referr'd to the Street Commissioner with directions to report thereon at the next Meeting of this Board

The Petition of Mary Cronan stating her extreme poverty and requesting relief from this Board was ordered to lie on the Table

The Petition of John Van Wart stating that [393] in consequence of the caving in of some Ground while he was working for this Board, he lost his right leg, and requesting a licence to retail Liquor free from Expence, was granted

Several Representations were made by the Police Office of the Suspension of Jonathan Kelly, Sieba Banta & Peter Waldron Watchmen in Capt Hay's Company, & Azel Concklin of Cap[t] Beekman's and John N. Warner of Capt: Van Orden's Company were severally suspended for sleeping on their respective Posts and the same were referr'd to the Watch Committee

A letter from William Parker formerly a Watchman in Cap[t] Beekmans Company stating that he was suspended & praying to be reinstated was referr'd to the Watch Committee

The Watch Committee to whom was referr'd the Application of the Watchmen who were hurt at the Riot in Augustus Street reported against the prayer of the Petitioners until Evidence shall be recieved of the Injury sustained by them and the said Report was recommitted to the same Committee to recieve and Report such Evidence

The Remonstrance of Nicholas Romayne against a Grant's being made to M[r] Thomas on the East Side of the Bason reserved by the

Corporation at the foot of Gouverneur Street and praying to be hear'd before the Board prior to the passing of such Grant, was referr'd to the Street Commissioner and the Comptroller

An Application from George C Schroepel for [394] a Water Grant opposite to Property of his on the North River was referr'd to the Comptroller

The Application of Cary Ludlow for the renewal of the Leases of two Lotts was referr'd to the Comptroller*

†The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referr'd the Petition of William Thomas praying for a Water Grant, reported in favor of the same's being made on such terms as may be agreed on between the Petitioner and Comptroller and the Consideration of the said Report was postponed until the next Meeting of the Board

The Street Commissioner having represented to the Board that there is due to Mr Peter Dob for sinking a Bulkhead in Beekman Slip the Sum of two thousand Dollars which he is much in Want of, and that he coul'd get the Comptrollers Note for the said Sum if given in behalf of this Board, discounted

Ordered that the Comptroller give his Note for the said Sum of two thousand Dollars to the said Peter Dob in behalf of this Board

The Street Commissioner recommended that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to clear out the Ditch and lay small Bridges at the Intersections of Chappel with Provost North Moore and Beach Streets, and in other Streets if he shoul'd deem it necessary and the same was ordered by the Board

[395] The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for regulating part of Elm Street, and the same was agreed to by the Board and Lewis Angevine was appointed the Collector

The Street Commissioner applied to the Board for Information relative to the repairing of a Wharf on the North Side of the Albany Bason, being himself uncertain whether it belonged to this Board or to Mr Morrell to make the said Repairs‡

The Committee to whom was referr'd the Petition of John Stuyvesant reported that the facts contained therein are true and that the Petitioner has sustained the Injury complained of by him in consequence of his accomodating the public with a Water course thro' his Land, and that he ought to be compensated for the Damages sustained by him. The Consideration of the said Report was postponed

* Marginal note reads *See P. 404. Vol. 18. P. 287.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 369. 428.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 425.*—ED.

until the next Meeting of this Board at which time the Street Commissioner was directed to Report a Statement of facts

The Application of Alexander Gifford and Michael Gardner who have contracted to build a *Church in Cedar Street, for leave to occupy half of the Street opposite to the said Church with a Building for their Materials was granted under the Direction of the Street Commissioner

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referr'd the Petition of Manus Fury for the remission of a Fine incurr'd for selling Liquor without licence reported in favor of the prayer of the Petitioner and [396] the said fine was remitted by the Board

Richard Nixon the Steward to the Alms House sent in his Resignation and the same was accepted

Ordered that the Superintendant of the Alms House employ some person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said Resignation until this Board shall chuse another Steward

Ordered that the two additional Watchmen lately employ'd by the Watch Committee be continued in employ

The following Resolution was agreed to

Whereas the Manure taken from the Collect and deposited in a Heap near the Intersection of Elm and Anthony Streets has become offensive to the Inhabitants in that Vicinity. therefore Resolved that the Superintendant of Streets be directed to advertise and sell the same at public or private Sale with a Condition that the same be removed on or before the 15. day of May Instant

Ordered that Peter Dunstan have leave to build a Vault before his House in the Old Slip

Ordered that the Clerk do notify the persons who have been appointed Commissioners to lay out the City of their being so appointed and that he furnish each of them with a Copy of the Law for that purpose as soon as the same shall have been received and request them to meet as early [397] as they conveniently can

The following Resolution was agreed to. Resolved that the Commissioner of Repairs be directed to remove the two Pumps in Broadway, to the side of the Street in the Usual Mode, one between Courtland & Liberty Street the other opposite Cedar Street

The Common Council having received a Certified Copy of the Act of the Legislature restraining the Clerk of the City and County of New York from acting as Clerk of the Common Council and

* Marginal note reads *New Presbyter* Church.*—ED.

enabling them to appoint their own Clerk On Motion of Alderman Mott Mr John Pintard was appointed to the said Office

The following Resolution was agreed to Resolved that Robert Quin be & he is hereby appointed One of the Measurers of Grain for this City

Ordered that the Lamp Committee make Arrangements with the present Contractor for lighting the City until some other Arrangement be made relative to the same

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No 164	To John H Sickles Treasurer of Building Committee....	$2000. 0
165	To Jacob Hays for City Watch.....	178.36
166	To Charles Van Orden for City Watch.....	178.36
167	Magnus Beekman for City Watch.....	217.56
168	To John Farrington for City Watch.....	217.56
169	To Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch.....	237.16
170	To Wm Van Wart for City Watch.....	237.16
171	To John McKensie for Salary as Sexton of Potters field.	89.
172	To Edward Moran for Salary.....	52.
173	To Mathew Dyckman for repairing Pumps.....	34.86
174	Robert Godney for Timber at Whitehall.....	7.18
175	To Richd Burchan for furnishing returns of Passengers.	50.
176	To Nicholas Westervelt for Dockstone &cs.....	77.
177	To James Hardie for Salary.....	62.50
[398]		
178	To Jacob Morton for Watchmen Marshalls &cs.....	112 89/100
179	To William J. Waldron for Salary.....	626.
180	To Daniel Taylor for Dock fenders.....	35.50
181.	To Danl McKenzie for painting Watch boxes & Engine houses	25.19

[399] In Common Council May 11th 1807

Present Marinus Willet Esquire Mayor

Jacob Leroy Jacob Mott John P. Ritter Roger Strong Selah Strong John D. Miller Wynant Van Zandt Junr Nicholas Fish Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Stephen Ludlam Andrew Morris Gerrard Depeyster Robert Bogardus Samuel Torbert Benjamin Haight Thomas Demarest John Hopper Junr	Assistants

The Board met at the Alms House and having visited that Institution, the Bridewell and Free School for the education of poor children not provided for by any religious Society, proceeded to business.

[400] John Pintard appointed Clerk of the Common Council at the last meeting of the Board appeared and took the Oath of Office prescribed by the Charter.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Clerk of the Police Office that William Slaiter Watchman, was suspended by Cap^{t} Van Orden for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Comptroller reported that agreeably to the return of the Treasurer there is now in the Treasury a Ballance of Twenty One Thousand Dollars.

The Petition of Daniel Rice Jun^{r} requesting that a law might be passed authorizing Sales at Auction at New Slip, was read and ordered to lie on the table

The Petition of John Van Wart setting forth that he is poor and had become a cripple in the service of the Corporation, and to whom a licence for keeping a grocery was directed to be granted without fees, requesting a further donation towards establishing him in business, was read,

Whereupon Resolved that a warrant be issued in his favour for Fifty Dollars.

[401] The petition of Thomas White and others inhabitants in the vicinity of Grand Street praying that a Fire engine may be granted for the protection of that quarter of the city, was read and referred to the Chief Engineer.

The Report of the Committee relative to the Bonds due for opening Canal Street amounting, principal & interest, to $32.913 $^{23}/_{100}$ was read and ordered to lie for consideration

A Letter from John Jacob Astor requesting that a grant may be made him of the land under water fronting his property on Hudson Street, between Bastavers Killetje and Hetty Street, was read and referred to the Comptroller.*

The Petition of Isaac Waldron and others inhabitants of Hetty and Hudson Streets requesting that a Lamp may be Erected at the corner of Hetty Street [was read] and referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Petition of William J. Waldron and Thomas Dugan respecting the removal of a building formerly owned by Thomas Dick and purchased for the purpose of opening Canal Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[402] The Petition of Enoch Pardee & others requesting that the

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 309.*—ED.

Basin at Duane Street may be finished and appropriated for the accommodation of vessels employed in bringing lime to this city for sale, was read and ordered to lie on the table

The Petition of Jacob M^cKeag lessee of Horn's Hook ferry to be permitted to make additional improvements to the ferry House at his own expence, to be repaid by the Corporation at the expiration of his lease, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9^th Ward.*

The Petition of John R. Livingston & others, proprietors of Lots in Columbia Street, requesting that the same may be regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Petition of Peter Ogilvie and others proprietors of Lots fronting on Sheriff, Willet Pitt and Ridge Streets, requesting that the same may be regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

The Petition of Henry Hyde and others praying that Doyer Street may be regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[403] The representation of John O Neale, Collector of the Sixth Ward, that Peter Jay Monro refuses payment of $357. Amount of taxes assessed on the property of John Jay Esq^r on Broadway, for whom he is Agent—And that difficulties existed in the collection of $91.80 amount of taxes on the property of Augustus V. Courtland, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

The Report of Samuel Cowdrey Esq, late Attorney of the Board, on the application of John Murphy to receive the monies, in the hands of the City Treasurer, belonging to the estate of Robert Pendergast dec^d was read and, with the accompanying documents, referred to the Counsellor of the Board.

The Report of the Watch Committee on the petition of Peter Conover praying relief, that Twenty five Dollars ought to be allowed him to discharge physicians Bill for medicine and attendance during his sickness with malignant fever in 1805. was confirmed.

The Report of the Watch Committee in favour of reinstating William Dennis and William Parker Watchmen in Cap^t Beekmans Company was confirmed.

[404] †The Report of the Comptroller on the application of Carey Ludlow for a renewal of his leases of Lots N° 11 & 12 Chatham Street was referred to Alderman Ritter Mott, S. Strong and M^r Morris.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 446.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 394.*—Ed.

The Petition of Leonard Goetz and others* lessees of Corporation property in Chatham Street, praying an abatement of their rents, was referred to the same Committee.

Resolved that the attorney of this Board ascertain and report whether the proceeds of the Sale of the property of Ann Witchin ought not to be paid into the city treasury.

A Letter from the Superintendant of the Alms House to the Mayor, stating that the sum of Nine thousand Dollars will be required towards the expences of the Alms House and Bridwell for the ensuing quarter was read, whereupon

Resolved that a warrant be issued in favour of said Superintendant for Three Thousand Dollars.

A Petition of Thomas Brown, accompanied with recommendations, praying to be appointed Inspector of Lumber was read

Whereupon resolved that Thomas Brown [405] be appointed an Inspector of Lumber for this city.

An Application of Peter Curtenius for the payment of a Bond† due on Canal Street for $1800. with interest from Aug^t 26. 1806 was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

Resolved that a further instalment be paid on the bond due M^rs Archer.

A communication from the Attorney of the Board was read, that he would be able to report certain facts respecting the suit instituted against the Corporation relative to the mud machines, at the next meeting.

Resolved that his Honour the Mayor be desired to request the favour of His Excellency Governor Lewis to permit Col. Trumbull to take his portrait for the use of the Corporation of this City.

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board, without delay, apply to Benjamin Romaine late Comptroller for payment of a lot of land contracted to be sold to him and for which it appears he has obtained a deed without paying therefor, and that in case of non payment the said Attorney, under the direction of the Counsellor of this Board [406] proceed in a legal manner to recover the consideration money for the said lot of land.

Resolved that the Pump standing upon the walk in Banker Street between James and Catherine Street be removed without delay from off the said walk, under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs.

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 215.*—Ed.

† Marginal note reads *This Bond was discharged by resolution of May 25. 1807 vid. P.* [451]—Ed.

Resolved that Casper Semler have leave to remove a fence belonging to him from off a lot the property of this corporation at or near the Powder House.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner without delay cause the drain in Roosevelt [Street] to be repaired.

Resolved that the Clerk lay before the Counsellor of the Board a Case relative to Canal Street and obtain his opinion thereon by the next meeting of this Board.

A Resolution, that the Comptroller be permitted to employ a discreet and proper person as a Collector of the public monies and that the said Comptroller be responsible for his honest and faithful conduct, was presented and ordered to lie for consideration.

[407] Resolved that the Comptroller notify, in writing, James Roosevelt and others to take out water grants in front of their respective lots within fourteen days and that he report their answers, that this Board may be enabled to pursue such measures as may be most conducive to its interests.

Resolved that the order passed at the last meeting of this Board that the Comptroller should give his note, in their behalf to Peter Dobbs for $2000. be rescinded, and that a warrant be issued in his favour for $1225.79. on account of the Bulkhead at Beekman Slip.

Resolved that the Pump in Suffolk Street be moved, by the Superintendant of repairs, from the middle of said Street to the sidewalk.

A Report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of repairing the Streets injured by the Conduit pipes of the Manhattan Company, at the expence of this Board, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

The Clerk informed the Board that he had received from the Secretary of State [408] a copy of the Act for taking a Census in this State with a Schedule directing that on or before the first Monday in June next, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of this city shall appoint such and so many discreet persons as they may deem necessary to take said census which is to be compleated on or before the first day of December next and returned by the Clerk of this city to the Secretary of State on or before the first day of February next. The expences attending the said Census to be assessed, collected and paid as part of the contingent expenses of this county.

The following persons were appointed Fire engine men viz^{t} to

N^{o} 7 Richard Morril, Shipwright Catherine Street vice Adolphus Carter, resigned.

14 John Hallowell, Sailmaker, Rector Street v. George Lamplin removed to N°

15. Samuel Saffen, Bookbinder, 31. Partition S[t] v. Peter Aymar resigned.

d° Charles Smith Jun[r] Merch[t] 15. Peckslip v. Thomas Gibson, resigned.

d° Robert Gourlie, Watchmaker, 52 Maidenlane v. James Lockwood resigned.

[409] N° 3. Robert Anderson, v. Joseph Moore resigned

d° George Dodd v. John Magraw, resigned

Correspondent vacancies in the aforesaid Companies being certified by the Chief Engineer.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

N°	1.	James Horner, repairing wells & pumps			$56.93½
	2.	Amos Rooke, for signal Poles			22.12
	3.	Oliver Waldron, work done on the public roads			374.25
	4.	Thomas Morris, salary &c. as Clerk of Com. Coun			130.29
	5.	Daniel Van Wart, stone for Whitehall dock			17.50
	6.	Southwick & Hardcastle, printing			96.25
	7.	Nicholas Carmer, work at Battery		$31.	
	8	d°	Sundries	31.35	
	9	d°	Pottersfield	18.56	
	10	d°	Jail	50.33	
	11	d°	Docks	22.	
	12	d°	Engine Houses	23. 6	
	13	d°	Salary	50.	
					226.30
	14	Richard Furman, Sup[t] of Alms House			3000.
	15.	John Van Wart—donation			50.
	16	Peter Conover, Watchman, d° for relief &c			25.
	17	Peter Dobbs, on Acc[t] Bulkhead at Beekman slip			1225.79
	18.	2[d] instalment on Bond due Moses Archer dec[d]			885.64

[410] In Common Council May 18th 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor

Selah Strong Jacob Mott Jacob Leroy Roger Strong Wynant Van Zandt Junr Nicholas Fish John D. Miller Thurston Wood John P. Ritter	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Thomas Demarest Samuel Torbert Stephen Ludlam Benjamin Haight John W. Mulligan John Hopper Junr Andrew Morris	Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The nomination of Daniel Frazer as Fire engine man of Company N° 24. was referred to the Chief Engineer for his certificate.

The petition of David Ackerman and Peter Fenton, for a water grant in front of their property in Watts Street in the [411] Fifth ward, was read and referred to the Comptroller.*

The Petition of Gilliam Cornell, Collector of the Second Ward, requesting further time of one month to complete the collection of taxes for said Ward, which had been delayed on account of his indisposition, was read and referred to the Comptroller, with authority to extend the time if agreeably to law.

The Petition of Henry C. Hawley, praying to be appointed Steward of the Alms House, was read and ordered to lie on table.

The Petition of John Hink, praying to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A recommendation of the Chief Engineer to provide Fire plugs in each Block of this city, on the principle of one lately constructed at the corner of William & Liberty Streets was read and referred to the Committee of the Fire Department.

The petition of William Hunter & others Proprietors of Lots on Corlaers Street, praying that the same may be carried through from Grand Street to Cherry Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[412] The report of Capt. Van Orden to the Police Office that he had discharged John Russel one of his watchmen, for neglect of duty, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

The Petition of Thomas Dick, praying that the Ballance due on his Bond, given for the opening of Canal Street, may be paid, was

* Marginal note reads *See Report. Vol. 17. P. 369.*—Ed.

granted: and a warrant ordered to be issued in his favour on the Treasurer for the amount.

A Letter from Jacob Cholwell, contractor for lighting the Public Lamps respecting the regulation of private Lamps was read, whereupon

Resolved that the owner of each private Lamp, lighted by or under the direction of this Board, pay for the providing Oil and lighting the same from and after the tenth day of May instant the yearly sum of Twelve dollars in half yearly payments and that they pay the same to the Superintendant of Lamps who shall account to this Board therefor. And also resolved that the said Superintendant collect from the several and respective owners the sums now due from them [413] respectively and report the same to this Board, together with the names of those persons who may neglect or refuse to pay. And also resolved that the said Superintendant without delay, report to this Board the number of private Lamps under the order of this Board, the names of the respective owners and where situate and of all others that may from time to time be set up, to the end that the Clerk of this Board may keep a regular list or account of the same. And also resolved that the said Superintendant report to this Board the names of the persons who collected the last sums for lighting private lamps to the end that the Comptroller may ascertain whether the money for said private lamps have been accounted for.

The following opinion of Richard Harrison Esq[r] Counsellor of the Board on the remonstrance of Theodosius Fowler and others proprietors of Harlem Bridge was read and referred to the Comptroller.

I have maturely considered the case of Harlem Bridge, and am of opinion that it is not, as such, a proper subject of taxation. This, as well as Turnpike roads and other similar undertakings, has been [414] sanctioned by the Legislature. The acts establishing them I consider as a compact by law, giving a certain toll or allowance to the individuals concerned, as a compensation for the benefit derived to the publick. It would therefore, I think, be a breach of publick faith to diminish the profits of the Bridge arising from such tolls, by the imposition of taxes, operating as a deduction from their amount. I would not however be understood to say that property which would otherwise be subject to taxation is to be exempted, because it belongs to the proprietor of the road or bridge, for which a toll may be given, where there is no special exemption by law. But then the former state of the property should be considered, and the tax neither should

be imposed nor augmented on account of the receipts from the Bridge or road. The Board will therefore understand it as my opinion that the Bridge and Tolls are not, as such, proper subjects of taxation; but that if the land on which the Bridge and Toll house are erected were actually subject to taxation, they would still remain so, at their real value, independent of the [415] tolls, which ought not to be taken into consideration by the Assessors. If the land would not otherwise have been liable to taxation as belonging to the publick; then I think that it is not so when appropriated to the purpose of a Bridge under the sanction of a legislative contract."

Richard Harrison.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of William Ball & John Cooper, respecting a complaint of the Firewardens of the Sixth Ward against them for heating cart tier in their respective yards, that to deprive them of that privilege would be detrimental to their families, and that an Ordinance ought to be passed, providing against any accidents which might arise from prosecuting such business, was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board to draft a Bill in conformity

The report of the Committee on the memorial of John S. Hunn in favour of confining slaves for misbehaviour, in Bridewell, was read and confirmed and referred to the Attorney of the Board to report an Ordinance in conformity.

The report of the Chief Engineer on the Petition of Thomas White & others, that a new Fire Engine be stationed in the [416] Sixth Ward, nearly where N° 19. formerly stood, was read and confirmed.

The petition of William L. Rose and others owners of Lots in Sugar loaf Street praying that the same may be regulated between Broadway & Chapel Streets, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of repairing damages in the Streets by the Manhattan Water Conduit pipes, ordered to lie for consideration at the last meeting, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

The following report of the Street Commissioner was read,

The Street Commissioner has the honour to present a plan of Streets through the property of the Corporation of Trinity Church, between Brannon and Christopher Streets, which that Corporation intend to cede to the Corporation of New York. and having agreed to name the Streets as written upon the Map, they wish the Common

Council to confirm the same in order that they may insert the true name in their deeds of sale.

The alterations and arrangements [417] upon the map are as follow. That the Street formerly called Budd Street, be called Vandam[1] Street; that the street formerly called Hetty Street, be called Charlton[2] Street, that the Street formerly called Hazard Street, be called King[3] Street, that the Street formerly called Village Street, be called Hammersley[4] Street, that the Street formerly called Morton Street, be called Clarkson[5] Street; and that the Three Streets immediately North of those above mentioned be called Leroy[6] Street Morton[7] Street and Barrow[8] Street.

All which is respectfully submitted
John S. Hunn.

Resolved that the several Streets mentioned in the preceding Report be respectively named as therein mentioned

The report of the Street Commissioner with an Ordinance to dig out Orange Street from Hester to Grand Street was read and confirmed and Henry Brooks David Fowler, Leonard Seaman, Samuel Webb and Peter Lorillard were appointed assessors.

Warrt No 57.

On a representation of facts by the Street Commissioner in favour of allowing damages to Martha Stuyvesant for injury done to her house by inundation in [418] consequence of the regulation of Mott Street between Hester and Grand Street was confirmed.

The Report of the Committee on the regulation of Lots at the corner of Reed and Church Streets, the property of Mr Van Winkle, Mr Skaites and others, was read and ordered to lie over for consideration.

The following State of a case on the assessment for opening Canal Street which, agreeably to the orders of the last Common Council, was submitted to Mr Harrison Counsellor of the Board together with his opinion thereon, were read and directed to be entered at large on the minutes.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to cover a statement of the case in Canal Street and the opinion of Mr Harrison thereon.

[1] Marginal note reads *after Anthony Vandam.*—Ed.
[2] Marginal note reads *Dr Charlton.*—Ed.
[3] Marginal note reads *Rufus King.*—Ed.
[4] Marginal note reads *Andrew Hammersley.*—Ed.
[5] Marginal note reads *General Matthew Clarkson.*—Ed.
[6] Marginal note reads *Alderman Jacob Leroy.*—Ed.
[7] Marginal note reads *General Jacob Morton.*—Ed.
[8] Marginal note reads *Thomas Barrow.*—Ed.

As this opinion is against the legality of the mode of assessment, the Board will probably consider the former assessment void, and it is submitted to their consideration whether it would not be adviseable to appoint new Assessors, or at least to permit him to present the draft of an Ordinance for that purpose.

[419] The Street Commissioner takes this moment to observe, that Messrs Emmet & Van Slyck, council for Mr Duggan have applied to him for an answer to their communication and state that they will shut up the Street near Broadway (not ceded to the Board or agreed to be paid for) unless the Corporation come to some decision to effect a settlement of their claims; and they state further that they will have no objection to let the ground in question be included in the award of the new Jury that must be impannelled to value other grounds in that Street.

All which is respectfully submitted

May 18. 1807. John S. Hunn

State of the Case
on the assessment for opening Canal Street

The Corporation for the purpose of extending the width of Canal Street, proceeded in the mode pointed out by the Act, and a Jury, on the 26. Feb. 1806. awarded sundry large sums to several proprietors for their land taken for the aforesaid purpose, and for which sums the Corporation in several instances paid the money, and in others gave their bonds.

[420] In Order to obtain a remuneration of the money so paid or secured to be paid, the Corporation passed an Ordinance dated the 26th May in the same year, to assess the amount of the award of the Jury and the expences of surveying &c^a "among the owners and occu- "pants of all the houses and lots intended to be benefitted by the "aforesaid regulations, in proportion as nearly as might be to the ad- "vantages which each should be deemed to acquire," agreeably to the powers vested in them by the act of the Legislature, and appointed Five persons to make such assessment.

The Assessors all qualified to make the Assessment directed by the Ordinance fairly and impartially, according to the best of their skill and judgment, and proceeded to the duty.

Their first determination was to levy the whole of the award within a district 500 feet round Canal Street, within which district neither of the Assessors were interested in any landed or copyhold estate, and directed a survey to be made accordingly.

Upon a representation of the inhabitants [421] within this district, that the burthen on them would be great, and that others more remote from the Street would be benefitted almost as much as those near 500 feet from it, the Assessors agreed to extend the assessment to all Streets from whence the water would ultimately empty into the Canal.

In order to facilitate the Collection of so much of the money to be raised as would be wanted in the month of August thereafter to pay an instalment upon the bonds, the assessors proceeded to assess so much as they thought expedient upon the persons within the 500 feet district, and presented it to the Common Council as part of the assessment directed by the Ordinance which being taken up by that board was ratified in the said month of August, when they also appointed a Collector who received three or four hundred Dollars upon the said Assessment, part of which he deposited in the City Treasury at the direction of the Corporation.

The object of the Assessors was solely to facilitate the collection of part of the money wanted, and it was their intention to levy all the money not included [422] in the first assessment upon the residue of the property from whence the water ran to the Canal, but from the information of the Surveyor, property owned by three of the Assessors would be included within this last district, and nothing further has been done by them in consideration that they may be deemed interested.

Is the first Assessment binding upon the inhabitants?

Can the Corporation rescind it and direct a new assessment?

If it is binding can the same Assessors continue to complete the second assessment?

If not, can the Corporation appoint others in their stead? And finally, how is that Board to act in this case, to proceed to effect and agreeably to law?

Opinion.

All the Acts of the Legislature, empowering the Corporation to direct assessments for certain purposes, require that such assessments should be made by disinterested Persons; and even if the Legislature had been silent upon the subject, it would still, in my judgment, be essential [423] to the validity of the proceeding.

In the case of Canal Street it is conceded that the assessors themselves have considered the Benefit of the improvement to extend to property, of which three of them are proprietors. They would therefore be interested not only in the Assessment last directed but in regu-

lating the proportions to be paid between Lots within the distance of five hundred feet round Canal Street, and those at a greater distance. Under these circumstances I think it would be unsafe to proceed upon the Assessment that has been made, and that new Assessors should be appointed, wholely disinterested in the property benefitted by the Canal.

Rich. Harrison.
May 18. 1807.

Whereupon Resolved that the former assessment on Canal Street be rescinded, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to report an Ordinance for the appointment of new Assessors to assess the damages for opening Canal Street.

The Report of the Street Commissioner with an Assessment on Roosevelt [424] Street from Chatham to Oak Street was read and ordered to lie over 'till the next meeting.

The Report of the Street Commissioner containing an Ordinance for regulating Doyer Street was, in consequence of said Street not being ceded nor accepted by the Common Council, referred to the City Inspector to report an Ordinance for regulating the same to prevent its becoming a public nuisance.

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of the Fishermen requesting the privilege of keeping their empty Fish cars on the Wharf at the west end of the Flymarket, that the continuance of such practice was a real nuisance as well as incumbrance, was read; Whereupon ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed to enquire on what terms a water lot at Brooklyne can be purchased for the accommodation of Fishermen's cars.

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the Petition of John R. Livingston, Peter Ogilvie and others for the regulation of Pitt, Ridge and other Streets in the vicinity of Corlaers hook, was read and Ordinances were passed directing the [425] same to be performed on or before the first day of June 1808.

*The Report of the Comptroller respecting certain repairs necessary to be made at the Albany Basin, and his opinion that the Assignees of a grant made in the name of Robert Leake are bound to make the same, together with the draft of an Ordinance in conformity therewith, was read and confirmed.

Resolved that Cornelius Wynkoop be and he is hereby appointed to collect the rents of this Board and that he receive for his services two Dollars per day while in the employ of this Board: And that he give

*Marginal note reads *See P. 395.*—ED.

such security, as shall be approved of by the Mayor, for the faithful accounting for all monies which he may so collect.

The appointment of Thomas Auston Fireman to Company N° 19 vice Andrew Pessinger, gone from this city, was approved The Chief Engineer certifying a vacancy in said Company.

Warr[t] N° 40

The Street Commissioner's recommendation that John Anderson be paid One Hundred & Seventy three Dollars $^{28}/_{100}$ being the ballance due from Peter Goelet for the middle pier between the Exchange [426] and Whitehall Slips was read and approved, and a warrant on the Treasurer ordered to be issued accordingly.

A Report of the Comptroller on the applications for grants of land under water was read,

Whereupon Resolved that this Board will make no grant of Water lots North of the South line or bounds of that part of this city to be laid out by the Commissioners lately appointed by law, until after the survey of the said Commissioners shall be completed and filed. And further Resolved, that the Street Commissioner direct and obtain a complete survey of the shores of the rivers south of said South line or bounds, so as to show what water lots or grounds are granted, and what yet remains to be granted.

The Comptroller reported that M[r] James Roosevelt to whom he had applied, in conformity with the orders of the Board, to take out his water grants, was ready to comply as soon as the terms were settled He further Reported that he found great difficulty in recurring to the Minutes of the Common Council for information, in the line of his duty, for want of a proper [427] index, Whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk provide an Index to the Minutes of the Common Council.

The Comptroller reported that he had received Returns of the Peace officers and Clerks who had served during the late election.

Warr[t] N° 39

Ordered that a Warrant on the Treasurer be issued in his favour to pay the accounts of the peace officers who had returned their names at the rate of One Dollar per day each, and the respective Clerks at the rate of Two Dollars per day each.

The Comptroller reported that according to the Treasurers return, there was $16317.50 in the Treasury.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various nuisances from N° 3329. to N° 3338 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Warrt No° 36 Resolved that a Warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell for One Thousand Dollars on account of his contract for lighting the public lamps.

Warrt No° 37. Ordered that a Warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of John H. Sickles for Three Thousand Dollars, on account of the Building Committee.

[428] The following Memorials of William Thomas, Nicholas Romaine and others relating to Scammel Street and the Soil under water in front thereof, were read and ordered to be entered at large on the minutes.

To His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen and Gentlemen of the Common Council

*The Petition of William Thomas humbly sheweth;

That on or about the year 1785, upwards of twenty Years ago, Your Honorable Board gave permission to Thomas Ivers and James Blanchard to dock out below high water mark (subject to the running of streets) with a promise of a corporation grant of the water when grants were issued at that distance from the city. This Dock or piece of ground with the upland in fee, was sold and conveyed by the said Ivers and Blanchard and about seven years ago, Your Petitioner became purchaser of the whole at about Eight thousand Dollars. This wharf has been suffering for years, and in an unproductive state, for want of a grant and permission to dock out farther as granted to the neighbours of your petitioner.

[429] Your Honorable Board will please to recollect, that for some years back Your Petitioners applications have been favorably received and variously referred, to former Street Commissioners, Comptrollers and Aldermen; but the grant has been always suspended on a contrariety of opinion, whether Scammel Street or Lane of 30 feet ought not to be continued through your Petitioners Wharf.

Your Petitioner humbly submits, that whatever intention Your Honorable Board had formerly of extending Scammel Lane, the present permanent regulation of Gouverneur Street of Fifty feet, leading to the very centre of your ground, reserved for a Corporation Wharf and Bason, and to which Scammel lane is so very contiguous, will shew the inutility of extending that Lane further than it is at present.

Your honorable Board must know that your Street Commissioner has contracted for, and has had sunk a bulk head and the space filled in to compleat your Corporation wharf of Two hundred & twenty two feet, along side of your Petitioners ground; and has under

*Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 15. 34. 67. 79. 84. 86.*—Ed.

your directions assessed the owners of adjoining Lots for the expence; and that your Petitioner [430] has paid Mr Stagg the Collector, One thousand and Forty one Dollars for his proportion. That from the state of your Petitioners wharf being lower than Water Street, and the Corporation Wharf, the ground of both is washing into his Wharf and also into the East river, for want of a bulkhead to prevent it, and also to secure the earth, that your Petitioner may cart to fill up his ground even with the Corporation Wharf. Mr Bergh, your Petitioners tenant, threatens to quit it, and the neighbours to indict it; and imperious necessity compels your Petitioner to pray that your Honorable Board will grant him prompt relief in the premises, to enable him to embrace the present season to procure Dock Logs and earth, from the adjoining Streets now digging out, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

New York April 13. 1807. Wm Thomas

To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

The memorial of the Subscriber respectfully sheweth;

That your Petitioner has just been informed that the Street Commissioner is about to report to your honourable [431] Board respecting a grant to be made to Mr Thomas on the east side of the Bason reserved by the Corporation at the foot of Gouverneur Street, and which Grant, if made, as Your Memorialist is informed, will be injurious to the public and the proprietors of the adjacent Land.

And therefore prays in behalf of himself and other Proprietors, that he and the other proprietors may have a hearing before your Honorable Board, before the said grant be made.

New York. May 4th 1807. Nichs Romayne.

To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The Memorial of the subscribers respectfully sheweth;

That Your Memorialists are owners of Lots, Houses or other tenements on Scammel Street, and the adjacent Streets, and feel a great interest in the improvement of that part of the city, especially as their interests are connected with the public good and convenience.

That Your Memorialists are informed with deep regret that some of the Officers [432] of your Honorable Board have reported as

their advice to shut up the lower part of Scammel Street, and to sell to an individual the land heretofore appropriated as a public Street.

Your Memorialists beg leave to remind Your Hon. Board that for near Twenty years there have been various applications to your Hon. Board for shutting up the lower end of Scammel Street and disposing of the same. That the subject has often heretofore been considered in all its relations, by men of judgment and talents appointed by Your Hon. Board, and has always until now been reported against. Your Memorialists might refer specially to those Reports, but they only beg leave to refer to the one hereunto annexed.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that Your Hon. Board will refuse to shut or dispose of the lower end of the said Scammel Street, and if necessary that you will give them an opportunity to be heard by Council or otherwise before Your Hon. Board or before a Committee [433] appointed for that purpose.

New York. May 9th 1807.

Witness
Chs W. Ivers.

Thos Ivers
Nicholas Vincent.
Thomas Knox. Execr
N. Gouverneurs estate
Peter Ogilvie.
E. W. Laight
Corns Ray.
Nichs Romayne.

Extract from the minutes of the Common Council April 25th 1803.

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of Wm Thomas praying for a grant of the soil under water opposite his ground at Corlaers Hook, Report that the prayer of the petitioner be granted reserving Scammel Street to be continued Fifty feet wide from Water Street into the river, and also reserving Front and South Streets their usual width.

All which is submitted.

April 18th 1803.

signed
Selah Strong
Joseph Browne.

[434] To the Honorable the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York.

The Memorial of the Subscribers respectfully sheweth

That Your Memorialists and others proprietors of Land situate on and near Scammel Street have for many years considered it important to their property and the public good that Scammel Street should be extended to the East river, and their opinions on this subject have met the approbation of Committees formerly appointed by Your Honorable Board. Your Memorialists have now however much reason to believe that Your Hon. Board may consider it more for the interest of the public to derive a revenue from the said ground, which would be comprehended in Scammel Street were it extended from Water Street to the East river, than to permit it to be laid open for a street, and therefore they think themselves in duty bound to the public their neighbours and themselves to meet that point.

Your Memorialists are therefore ready to give to your Hon. Board a [435] yearly rent of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds a year net rent forever from this date for the claims, Right and title of the Corporation of the City of New York to such part of Christian Bergh's ship yard, situate near Scammel Street on the west side of the Lots of John Youle and extending from high water mark or from Water Street to Front Street and along Front Street, One hundred and Fifty feet: that they will comply with the usual contract for making Front Street, and whatever may be just in law or equity respecting the earth carted on the said land by Christian Bergh or others, and that Your Memorialists will also be ready at any time to open Scammel Street to the East river free from expence whenever your Hon. Board will permit the same to be done.

Your memorialists further state that they are ready to meet a Committee of your Hon^{e} Board or any person or persons appointed by Your Hon. Board to explain any thing respecting the premises or any matter which might require further explanation.

New York May. 18. 1807.

Nich^{s} Romayne.
Tho^{s} Ivers.

[436] Whereupon the following resolution was moved by Alderman Van Zandt.

Resolved that the Communications of Nicholas Romayne and others respecting Scammel Street be made to this Board in writing.

The following amendment was proposed by Alderman Mott;

That Nicholas Romayne and others be heard in person or by Council respecting Scammel Street.

Mr Mulligan moved the previous question, which, a division being called was carried in the affirmative as follows;

Affirmative			Negative	
Ald. S. Strong		Miller	Ald. Mott	
Leroy		Ritter		Wood
R. Strong	Messrs	Haight	Messrs	Demarest
Van Zandt		Mulligan		Torbert
Fish		Morris		Ludlam
				Bogardus

The Resolution moved by Alderman Van Zandt, was then put, and a division [437] being called, was carried in the affirmative as follows:

Affirmative			Negative	
Ald. S. Strong	Messrs	Haight	Ald. Mott	
Leroy		Mulligan		Miller
R. Strong		Morris		Wood
Van Zandt			Messrs	Demarest
Fish				Torbert
Ritter				Ludlam

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

No 19.	Ths & Jas Stevenson, Ironwork to Fire engines		$686. 8
20.	Henry Brooks, for a well in Magazine St		19.50
21.	Wm Van Wart. Capt 1st dist. City Watch		237.16
22.	Nichs Lawrence do do		237.16
23	John Farrington do 2d do		217.56
24.	Magnus Beekman do do		217.56
25.	Chs Van Orden do 3d do		168.36
26.	Jacob Hays do do		168.36
27.	Thomas Hazard, salary as Keeper of Bridewell, for self & turnkeys		437.50
28.	Proprietors of Daily Advertiser		37.50
29.	Do Evening Post		37.50
30.	Andrew Otterson, salary for services		152.
31.	Job Furman, rent of Justices Court		50.
32.	John Burger, Coroners Fees		82.37
33.	[438] Alexander Martin, carting gravel to Battery		62.
34.	Andw S. Leary, carpenter's work under Supt repairs		160.12
35.	Dennis Warham, do do		40.81
36.	Jacob Cholwell, Contract for lighting Lamps		1000.
37.	John H. Sickles, on Acct of Building Committee		3000.
38.	Thos Dick, Balle on bond for canal Street		1405.66
39.	Jacob Morton Compt for services of Clerks & Marshalls at Election Polls		188.50
40.	John Anderson, balle due for Peter Goelets Propn of middle pier, between Exchange & Whitehall Slips		173.23

[439] In Common Council, May. 25. 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor
Maturine Livingston Esq[r] Recorder

Jacob Mott Selah Strong Jacob Leroy Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Roger Strong Wynant Van Zandt Jun[r] John D. Miller.	Esquires Aldermen	Mess[rs] John W. Mulligan John Hopper Jun[r] Gerard Depeyster Benjamin Haight Thomas Demarest Andrew Morris Stephen Ludlam.	Assistants

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A memorial of Nicholas Romaine and Thomas Ivers, proprietors of Lots on or near Scammel Street, was read, and on motion that the same be entered on the minutes, a division being called it passed in the negative as follows:

[440]

Affirmative	Negative	
Ald. Mott	The Recorder	Mess[r] Mulligan
Wood	Ald. S. Strong	Depeyster
Miller	Leroy	Haight
Mess[rs] Hopper	Fish	Morris
Demarest	R. Strong	
Ludlam	Van Zandt	

Resolved that the Memorial of Nicholas Romaine and Thomas Ivers, presented to the Board this day, be returned to the Memorialists on account of the improper and indecorous language and insinuations it contains against this Board and individual members thereof.

Which Resolution, a division being called, passed in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative
The Recorder	Mess[rs] Mulligan	Ald. Mott
Ald. S. Strong	Depeyster	Wood
Leroy	Haight	Miller
Fish	Morris	Mess[rs] Hopper
R. Strong		Demarest
Van Zandt		Ludlam.

[441] An Application of Samuel Engle and others to lease certain Lots the property of the Corporation in Magazine Street was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity of Greenwich Market to repair the Bulkhead in front of the Slip, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of John Moore Gunsmith praying that a lease of the ground in Chatham Street, adjoining the Arsenal, on which he has erected a building by permission of Mr John McLean late Commissary of Military stores, was read and referred to the Comptroller.*

A Report from the Police Office that Capt Van Orden had suspended Francis Depew, one of his Watchmen, for neglect of duty and sleeping on his post, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Jordan Mott and others inhabitants and proprietors of Lots in First & Second Streets, between Grand & Stanton Streets praying that the same be regulated, was read and referred to [442] the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Abraham Cannon and others inhabitants in the vicinity of Corlaers Hook, praying that a Fire engine may be stationed in that quarter of the City was read and referred to the Chief Engineer.

A petition of Eliphalet Wheeler Butcher, praying to be permitted to supply families living beyond two miles from the city, by carrying meat to their doors, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from R. Clarkson to the Mayor, complaining of the situation of Lots at the corner of Pitt and Grand Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward.

A petition of several masters of vessels, paying yearly wharfage to the Corporation at Coenties Slip, complaining of an exaction for private wharfage at the end of the Pier, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the first Ward.

A memorial from Abraham Stagg complaining of disappointments on the part of [443] Collectors of Streets on which he has been employed, by which he is greatly distressed, was read and referred to the Street Commr

A petition of Edward Ferris and others objecting against a reassessment of Roosevelt Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A Petition of Abraham Van Keuren and others requesting that the Basin at the Hay Scales, Duane Street, may be appropriated for the accommodation of Lime vessels, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward.

A Petition of the inhabitants of Broadway above Jones and Amity Streets praying that the same may be regulated to Art Street,

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 26. 126. Vol. 18. P. 253.*—Ed.

was read and referred to the Street Commissioner who is directed to report an ordinance in conformity.

A Petition of the inhabitants of Greenwich Street, in the vicinity of Charlton & Hammersley Streets, praying that the same may be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to enquire whether the proprietors, generally, are favourable to the petition.

[444] A petition of William Bruce for a grant of land under water, in front of his property in Greenwich Street, corner of Hammersley Street, was read and referred to the Comptroller.*

The following persons were appointed Firemen; the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies:

N° 3 John Shaddon v. Isaac Macomb removed to N° 1.
20 Peter Aymar, Grocer, 71. Courtlandt S^{t}
v. Isaac Little. resigned.
24. Daniel Frazer, Coach maker, John S^{t}
v. Marselis Vangelon, d°

An Opinion of M^{r} Harrison Counsellor of the Board, was read, confirming the opinion of M^{r} Cowdrey late Attorney of the Board, that it would be safe for the Corporation to pay over to John Murphy such sums as have been deposited in their hands by the Treasurer, as belonging to the estate of Robert Pendergast dec^{d} whose representative and heir, Patrick Pendergast his father, in Ireland, has authorized said Murphy to receive the same.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay said sum to John Murphy on his giving security [445] to refund the same in case the Corporation shall be obliged to account to any other person.

The Report of the Attorney of the Board on the Petition of John S. Hunn was read together with the draft of "a Law in relation to Slaves in the city of New York," which was amended, passed and ordered to be published.†

Ordered that the 9th Section of the Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires &c^{a} respecting the annual review of the Fire Department, be suspended.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to advertize and receive proposals for the finding of Oil and lighting and cleaning the Lamps of this city for one year; and make report to this Board at their next meeting.

A Petition of Henry Remmey, formerly Superintendant of Scav-

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 378.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Vide Common Coun. Laws. Page. 18.*—Ed.

engers,* indebted to the Corporation, stating his incapacity to pay the Ballance and the distressed state of his family and praying that the Comptroller may be authorized, in behalf of this Board, to sign his petition for the benefit of the insolvent Act, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

[446] A Certificate, according to law, was presented by William Gillzow, of a Fire bucket lost at the late Fire in Chatham & Frankfort Streets.

Warrt No 53 Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in his favour for two dollars.

A Petition of Rachel Deforest & Hugh Fairley Executors of the estate of Gerardus Deforest decd praying a grant of 75 feet in breadth to the permanent line in Hudson river, in front of the N. W. corner of Harrison Street, was read and referred to the Comptroller.†

‡The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob McKeag that he be permitted to make improvements for the better accommodation of the Ferry House at Horn's Hook,|| for which a fair valuation should be allowed by the Corporation at the expiration of his lease and a reasonable compensation granted was read and approved.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the request of Gilliam Cornell Collector of the 2d Ward for further time to make the collection of the Taxes due from that Ward,

Reports that by the Act " for the Assessment [447] and Collection of taxes," the Collector of each Ward is bound, within one week after the time limitted by his Warrant to make a settlement with the City Treasurer for the amount of his tax list; and if the Collector shall neglect to do the same, the Treasurer is then bound within twenty days to issue his warrant against the Collector for the amount so unpaid and in default of issuing such Warrant the Treasurer becomes liable for the amount. Hence if any indulgence should be given by this Board, both the Treasurer and the securities of the Collector would be exonerated—The Comptroller therefore recommends that a Resolution pass the Board, that upon the said Collector's renewing his security for the final collection of the taxes of the said Ward that the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 467. Vol. 18. P. 213 Vol. 19. P. 117.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 286. 415.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 402.*—Ed.
|| Marginal note reads *Vist an addition to the present House.*—Ed.

Treasurer be directed to stay the issuing the execution ordered by the Act.

Which is respectfully submitted
Jacob Morton.
Compt[r]

Whereupon Resolved, upon the Collector of the Second Ward renewing his security for the final collection of the Taxes of the said ward, that the Treasurer be directed to stay the issuing of the execution prescribed by the [448] Act of the Legislature; and that the further time of six weeks be allowed to Gulliam Cornell the said Collector to compleat the collection of the taxes of said Ward.

The Committee to whom was referred the objections of Peter Schermerhorne against the assessment of Beekman Slip, Report

That they have examined the assessment, together with the objections made by M[r] Schermerhorne, and by information from M[r] Stillwell the surveyor the assessors have charged M[r] Schermerhorne 2000 loads of earth more than his just proportion; The Committee are also of opinion that the assessors have not extended the assessment so far as has been usual in similar cases; they therefore recommend that the assessment be returned to the assessors with a request that they would review the subject and enquire into the objections of M[r] Schermerhorne and if they shall think proper, extend the assessments so as to make the burden come lighter upon a few individuals.

All which is submitted
May. 25. 1807. Selah Strong
John W. Mulligan

[449] Ordered that this report be confirmed.

An Application of Abraham Stagg, certified by the Alderman of the Ward, requesting the usual allowance for sinking a Well and fixing a pump in Rivington Street, was read.

Warr[t] N[o] 46 Ordered that a Warrant be issued in his favour on the Treasurer for Nineteen Dollars.

The Street Commissioner presented an Account for Work done, under his direction, towards filling in the Collect.

Warr[t] N[o] 47. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Joseph George on the Treasurer, for Two hundred and fifty eight dollars, 98/100 to pay said Account.

The Street Commissioner presented an account of James Hogan for paving intersection & gutters in Chamber & Reed Streets.

Warr[t] N° 48 Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of said Hogan, on the Treasurer, for Sixty Dollars $^{63}/_{100}$.

The Comptroller presented an account of Joseph Constant Esq[r] late Sheriff for expences attending the executions, last summer, of Francesco Son & John Banks severally for murder.

Warr[t] N° 49 Ordered that a warrant be issued in [450] favour of Joseph Constant for Fifty five Dollars.

An Account was presented of expences incurred by the Inspectors of the Seventh Ward during the late election

Warr[t] N° 50. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jamison Cox for Twenty four Dollars to discharge the same.

A similar Account was presented of charges incurred by the Inspectors of the 4[th] Ward.

Warr[t] N° 51. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of John Brown for Thirteen Dollars 87½ cents to discharge the same.

An Account of Interest accruing on the Bond of the Corporation due to the estate of Peter Clopper dec[d] was presented by Cornelius C. Van Allen Exec[r] and referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller reported that he had audited the accounts of the Superintendant of the Alms House, for the quarter terminating 30[th] April last, & found them correct.

The Comptroller reported that agreeably to the statement of the Treasurer, there was in [451] the Treasury $10.535.35.

Warr[t] N° 55. Resolved that a Warrant be issued in favour of Peter Dobbs, on the Treasurer, for One Thousand Dollars on account of the Bulkhead in Beekman Slip.

Warr[t] N° 52. On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House, a Warrant was ordered to be issued on the Treasurer in his favour on account of the Commissioners, for Three thousand Dollars.

The following Resolution was moved Resolved that the Street Commissioner deliver the several Bonds executed, and retained in his hands by a former order of this Board, for grounds taken for Canal Street, to the several Obligees or such of them as will receive the same, taking receipts therefor as usual by him.

Ordered that the same lie over for consideration.

Warr[t] N° 56. A Bond due Thomas Duggan assigned to Peter Curtenius, for opening Canal Street was presented and ordered to be discharged.

Resolved that no assessments presented to this Board for opening or widening any [452] Street, removing any buildings, sinking any bulkhead or filling in the same, shall be confirmed until they shall have been advertized at least one week in the Newspapers employed by this Board, to the end that all persons interested may have an opportunity to offer objections in writing previous to their being confirmed.

Resolved further that the Resolution passed by this Board, a few weeks since upon this subject be and the same is hereby rescinded.

*The Committee appointed to estimate the sum to be demanded from the Proprietors of Lots fronting on Cortland Street for permitting them to come out with their buildings on a line with the South side of said Street, between Greenwich & Washington Streets Report

That they have viewed the premises and taken the subject under their consideration. It will certainly be to the advantage of the petitioners to have their petition granted, as their lots are not above 65 or 70 feet deep, but as your Committee conceive that it is a subject of interest they are of opinion no decision of [453] theirs, even if adopted by the Board would be considered satisfactory; for should they agree upon a large sum, it would be considered oppressive, and if upon a small one, granting undue favours.

The Committee therefore beg leave to be discharged from this duty after recommending the subject to be left to referees with power to choose an Umpire to judge between them; and they recommend George Gosman as a referree in behalf of this Board.

Jacob Leroy
May. 25. 1807. Benj. Haight
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following representation of the Street Commissioner was read and the Resolution adopted:

The Street Commissioner has the honour to represent to the Board, that experience has convinced him that a plentiful watering the Streets after they are paved and previous to covering them with sand tends to consolidate the earth and prevent the pavements from sinking. The use of an Engine for this purpose saves much labour, particularly where pumps are not placed near the premises.

[454] The Street Commissioner has been informed that he cannot obtain the use of an Engine without an order from this Board, and

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 477.*—ED.

as it is for an important public benefit, he solicits the Board to pass the following resolution upon the subject.

Resolved that whenever the Street Commissioner, Inspector or Contractors for paving any Street shall require one of the public engines to water the new pavements, the same shall be permitted to be used for that purpose under the superintendence of one or more of the firemen belonging to said Engine, the Contractors or persons employed in paving being answerable for all damages which may occur to the engine in consequence of such use and seeing it safely returned to its usual place of keeping. John S. Hunn.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the assessments for paving Leonard Street from Church to Hudson Street, and a warrant was ordered to be issued in favour of Oliver Jacques to collect the money.

[455] A representation of the Street Commissioner on the subject of draining the cellars in Chapel Street, by means of a wooden sewer, through said Street, was read and ordered to lie over for consideration.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to repave Pine Street from Broadway to William Street, which was passed and John B. Dash, John Mills, William G. Forbes, John Dover and Robert Gosman were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported a new Ordinance for Assessing Canal Street. But as some additional grounds, not included in the former estimate required to be valued; Ordered that the Attorney of the Board be directed to prepare a precept to the Sheriff, for that purpose, in the usual form, and that the Ordinance be suspended until the execution of said precept.

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition for repaving Oak Street from Pearl to Roosevelt Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

[456] A Communication from the Street Commissioner respecting the continuation of Crosby Street from Hester to Canal Street, that two lots on Hester Street, the property of the heirs of Solomon Myers Cohen decd will be required to be purchased for the purpose, which Lots are now offered to the Corporation by Isaac Moses one of the Assignees of said Estate, was read, whereupon

Ordered that the Street Commissioner enquire from Mr Moses the terms on which said Lots can be obtained.

The Street Commissioner reported an assessment for paving

Church Street from Leonard to Lispenard Streets, which was read and confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector of said Assessment.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 3340 to 3342 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Street Commissioner reported that the drain in Water Street is impeded and requires to be opened.

[457] Ordered that he report an Ordinance for opening said drain at the expence of the parties benefitted.

A Report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of widening and straightening Grand Street from the Bowery to Broadway was read and the consideration postponed until the sentiments of the proprietors of Lots on said Street can be known.

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs make a temporary drain at the public expence, at Beekman Slip under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Resolved that Books and paper cases be provided by the Clerk of this Board, at the public charge, for his accommodation and that of the Board, in which to keep and preserve more safely and conveniently the Books and papers belonging to the Corporation.

Resolved that two persons be appointed, by ballot, in each ward to the Census of Electors in this City and County, agreeably to Law.

The Board proceeded to ballot accordingly [458] and on counting the Ballots, the following persons appeared to be duly elected.

For 1st	Ward	Garrit Kettletas
		Jacob J. Lansing.
2d	d°	Andrew R. Miller
		Jacob Tabele Junr
3d	d°	Charles Dickenson
		Israel Purdy
4th	d°	Leonard Fisher
		Thomas R. Mercein
5th	d°	John P. Groshon
		James Davidson
6th	d°	Gabriel Furman
		John Marschalk
7th	d°	Henry Pope
		Ezekiel Bishop.
8th	d°	Aquila Giles
		Benjamin C. Stevenson
9th	d°	William Wilmerding
		Samuel Hake

Ordered that the Clerk give notice to the aforesaid persons, respectively of their appointment.

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to employ Walter Allen no longer in the service of this Board.

[459] Resolved that the Street Commissioner report, at the next meeting of this Board, the arrearages due on all assessments, the names of the owners and occupants of Lots and property charged with such assessments and also the property and Lots so charged and the sums of money collected and not paid over by the Collectors.

Ordered that the Clerk provide proper Books for taking the Census of Electors of this City and County agreeably to the Schedule furnished by the Secretary of State, and that he make such additions thereto as will include the whole number of Inhabitants of said City and County.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

Nº 41.	James Horner for repairing pumps	$80.12
42.	Joseph H. Megie, carting earth to Whitehall Slip	56.29
43.	Bartholemew Skaats, Salary for self & Assist &cª	115.76
44.	Proprietors of Public Advertiser	4.50
45.	Walter Allen, work at Brooklyne ferry stairs	72.59
46.	Abm Stagg, allowe for Pump in Rivington St	19.
47.	Joseph George, for labourers at Collect	258.98
48.	James Hogan, paving intesecns Chamber & Reed Sts	60.63
49.	Joseph Constant Sheriff, expences attending execution of Francisco Son and John Banks	55.
50.	Jamison Cox, Expences of Inspectors, 7th Ward	24.
51.	[460] John Brown, expences of Election of 4th Ward	13.87½
52.	Richard Furman, Supt on Acct of Alms House	3000.
53.	William Giltzow, for lost Firebucket	2.
54.	John Hoogland do	2.
55.	Peter Dobbs, on acct of bulkhead at Beekman Slip	1000.
56.	Peter Curtenius, assignee of Thos Duggan—Bond for opening Canal Street	1894.50
57.	Martha Stuyvesant, damages recd by regulation of Mott Street	185.74

[461] In Common Council June 1st 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esquire Mayor

Roger Strong	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Samuel Torbert	Assistants.
Selah Strong		Thomas Demarest	
Jacob Leroy		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Robert Bogardus	
John P. Ritter		John W. Mulligan	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr		Andrew Morris	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Resolved that the Resolution regarding the advertising Assessments for streets, passed at the last meeting of the Board, be rescinded and that the former resolution of this Board on the same subject, which was then rescinded, be revived.

The Clerk informed the Board that he had served notices on the several persons [462] appointed at the last meeting of the Board to take a census of the Electors of this city and County, and that he has provided Books for the purpose, agreeably to the order of the Common Council.

A letter from James Davidson appointed to take the census of the Fifth Ward, declining to serve on account of indisposition was read and his resignation accepted.

The Board proceeded to appoint, by ballot, a person in place of Mr Davidson, when the votes being equally divided between Henry Remmey and William Bridges the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of Henry Remmey who was appointed accordingly.

A Letter from Henry Stanton requesting to be relieved from a suit brought against him by the late Comptroller, on account of Brooklyne ferry, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Memorial of Elizabeth Duryee demanding payment of a Bond given on account of ground taken for making Amity Street for the sum of $3930 with interest [463] from March 21. 1806. was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report a statement of facts.

Warrt No 80

A Letter from Courtland Van Beuren requesting payment of a Bond given to John Bachelor, for opening Varick Street, and assigned to him, for the sum of $930 with interest from March 15. 1806. was read and the Bond ordered to be discharged, deducting any Assessment that may be due by said Bachelor for opening said Street.

A request of the Managers of the First Blackriver Lottery for the use of any unoccupied apartment in the City Hall, for the purpose of drawing said Lottery, was read and granted.

A petition of Ephraim Hart, to be allowed to make use of a Fire Engine and Hose, under the direction of the Foreman for the purpose of draining the cellar of his House 87. Greenwich Street was read and the Board determined that it was inexpedient to grant the request.

A petition of William White, remonstrating against any alteration in the present profile of Church Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[464] A Letter from Robert Lylburn requesting a settlement of his terms of payment for a Lot of Common lands, was read and referred to the Comptroller to report his opinion how the same ought to be settled.*

A Petition of William Butler praying to be appointed Inspector of Firewood, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Memorial of Thomas Farmer and others complaining of the dangerous state of Broadway near the road leading to Potters field was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with injunctions to cause the same to be immediately remedied.

A petition of the Devisees of Anthony Lispenard dec^{d} praying the grant of soil under water, fronting their property on Hudson river was read and referred to the Comptroller.†

The report of the Committee on the petition of Abraham Van Keuren and others respecting accomodating Lime vessels in the Basin at Duane Street, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

A petition of Eliphalet Wheeler and John K. Floor to be allowed to sell meat in carts beyond the two mile stone, was read and [465] referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of William Wilson and others praying that Rivington Street, between Bowery and Norfolk Streets, may be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Letter to the Mayor from Tunis Van Winkle, complaining of the situation of M^{rs} Skates Lot at the corner of Church and Barley Streets was read, Whereupon

Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for levelling the same.

The Comptroller presented a Bond assigned by Doctor Van Solin-

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 17. P. 171.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 336. 378.*—Ed.

gen to Leonard Bleecker given for ground taken for altering Amity Street on which a Ballance was due.

Ordered that the same be discharged on Mr Bleeckers
Warrt No 79. paying what may be due from him on his purchase of a Lot at Inclenberg.

The Clerk apologized in behalf of the Street Commissioner for his absence from the meeting of the Common Council, on account of indisposition, which also prevented him from making out a statement of Abraham Staggs claim, as directed: and presented the following reports.

[466] The Street Commissioner reported that he had discharged the labourers employed at the Collect, as they cannot work to advantage until Elm street be regulated.

The Account of Wages presented with the report
Warrt No 78 was ordered to be paid by a warrant on the Treasurer in favour of the Comptroller for the amount.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating Sugar Loaf Street which was passed, and John Van Orden, Lawrence Van Buskirk, William Gifford, Tunis Ryker and William Chrystie were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating Broadway from Great Jones to Art Street which was passed, and Aquila Giles, Lancaster Palmer, Joseph Watkins, Benjamin Sands and Abraham Skinner were appointed Assessors.

The report of the Market Committee on the Petition of John Pessinger and others Butchers in the Flymarket, that the deputy Clerk of the market be instructed to use his utmost vigilance to detect such offenders as shall sell contrary to the 10th section of the Law for regulating the public markets was read and confirmed.

[467] The Report of the Comptroller on the Petition of Henry Remmey* was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of William Rhinelander Junr praying for the grant of soil under water in front of his land in Greenwich Street, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

The report of the Committee on the petition of Edward Ferris and others respecting a second assessment on Roosevelt
Warrt Street being illegal; and that a warrant be issued in favour of the Street Commissioner to be by him paid to the person or persons to whom the same may be due, was read and confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 445.*—Ed.

The Comptroller reported, that agreeably to the statement of the Treasurer there was a Ballance in his hands of $20.387 14/100

The Clerk informed the Board that he had received from his predecessor Thomas Morris Esq[r] all the Minutes of the Common Council from the year 1675 to the present day, comprehended in seventeen Volumes Folio.

In the apartment occupied by the Clerk of the Mayor's Court, there are several Boxes said to contain papers, deeds and documents [468] belonging to the Corporation. A case, the property of M[r] Wortman, in the Comptrollers Office, contains a large proportion of Memorials, Petitions, Reports &c[a] which have been presented and acted upon within the last few years. All these papers require arrangement, and demand more room to render them of convenient access than the present office, jointly occupied by the Street Commissioner and the Clerk, affords.

He therefore, respectfully proposed that a Committee be appointed to examine and see whether, without incurring any serious expence, some accommodation cannot be provided, within the City Hall, for repositing and arranging the public records in such manner as to render them more accessible.

Whereupon, Aldermen Ritter, S. Strong and M[r] Mulligan were appointed a Committee to examine what accomodations were necessary for the Offices of this Board.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances from N[o] 3342. to N[o] 3380. inclusive for the purpose of raising sunken lots in Thomas Street and correcting other nuisances.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[469] The Comptroller presented proposals, which he had received, for lighting the public Lamps by contract, for one year from this date, which were laid before the Board and referred to the Lamp Committee and Comptroller to report which contract they may deem most advantageous to the public.

Ordered that the services of Andrew Otterson and William J. Waldron in the employment of this Board be dispensed with for the present.

Resolved that the Portraits of the several Mayors of this city and other portraits belonging to the Corporation be removed and placed in the Common Council Room under the care and direction of the Clerk of this Board.

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to sit to Col. Trumbull for

his portrait, for the use of the Corporation. To this request His Honour politely assented.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Streets be directed without delay to clean and dig out the Exchange Slip, under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistant of the First Ward, together with the Street Commissioner.

[470] A Suggestion on the propriety of providing Chains at Hudson Market to prevent the interruption of Carriages during market hours, was referred to the Market Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen to the new Fire Engine Company N° 32.

1	Thomas Pennel Foreman.....	Wheelwright.	128. Bowery
2	Adam Hartell, Assist.....	Butcher.	North St
3	Arthur Burtis Clerk.....	Grocer.	148. Bowery
4	George Lord	Carpenter.	199. do
5	Richbell Mott	Tobacconist.	122. do
6.	Nicholas Steel	Butcher	101. Mott
7.	Lodwick Harpell	do	Elizabeth
8.	Jordan Downing	Carpenter	199. Bowery
9.	Henry Lownsberry	"	105. Mott
10.	Thomas Brashford	"	First
11	Thomas Burtis	Grocer	Spring
12	John Pell	Butcher	Bowery
13	Leonard Kline	"	Mott
14	George Hyde	Carpenter.	167. Bowery
15	William Meserve	Butcher	"
16	Joseph Cox	Carpenter	First
17	Abraham Vincent	"	Elizabeth
18	Reuben Munsen	Combmaker.	9. Stanton
19	Samuel Patterson	Carpenter	62 Fourth
20	Isaac Stevens	"	Broome
21	James Brush	Carman	100. First
[471] 22	Thomas Hobbs	Butcher.	Nicholas St
23	Daniel Devoe	Smith	Elizabeth
24	Martin Wilsey	"	"
25	James Martin	Carpenter	6. Third St

NB. The first Fifteen are transferred from other Companies, the Others are new Firemen.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

N° 58	Capt Beekman, City Watch.....		$217.56
59.	John Farrington.	do	217.56
60	Nicholas Lawrence	do	237.16
61	William Van Wart	do	237.16
62.	Jacob Hays	do	188.36
63	Charles Van Orden.	do	188.36

N° 64.	James Hardie Salary			$62.50
65	Edward Moran. for services			52.
66.	Andrew Otterson. d°			52.
67.	Corn[s] C. Van Allen, Exec[r] for Interest on Bond due Estate of Corn[s] Clopper dec[d]			62.50
68.	Charles Van Orden. quarter rent of Watch H°			25.
69.	David Robertson, timber for Horns Hook ferry			4.50
70.	Amos Rooke, Attending Signal Poles			82.50
71.	Daniel Davis, repairing pumps			58.75
72.	John De Clew, Salary, Inspec[r] of Loaf Bread			78.90
73.	Nicholas Carmer, repairs of Engine Houses &c		113.73	
74	d°	d° Drains &c[a]	73.37	
75.	d°	d° Wells	38.75	
76	d°	Salary as Sup[t] of repairs	52.	
				277.85
77.	[472] Jacob Morton Compt[r] for compensating Clerks & Marshals attending late election			53.
78.	d°	to pay Labourers at the Collect		203.38
79.	Leonard Bleecker, assignee of Henry W. Van Solingen, Bond for ground taken for making Amity Street			1838.16
80.	Courtland Van Beuren, Bond assigned by John Bachelor, for opening Varick S[t]			976.11

[473] In Common Council June 8[th] 1807.

Present Marinus Willet Esquire Mayor
Maturine Livingston Esq[r] Recorder

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Thomas Demarest	Assistants
John P. Ritter		Samuel Torbert	
Jacob Leroy		John Hopper Jun[r]	
Roger Strong		Andrew Morris	
Selah Strong		Benjamin Haight	
John D. Miller		Robert Bogardus	
Wynant Van Zandt Jun[r]		Stephen Ludlam	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Communication from a Committee of the Highland Turnpike Company on the propriety of building a new bridge across Harlem river near Spittendevil, to correspond with the projected Turnpike road, commencing [474] at M[r] Alexander Macomb's in Westchester County, was read and referred to Alderman Fish, the Recorder and M[r] Bogardus.

A Petition of Robert R. Livingston requesting a grant and confirmation of all the land lying in front of his Lot upon Greenwich Street, which lays between the Lots late of John Stevens Esq[r] and

John Watts Esq[r] and so extending along the said lots as far as the grant of Catherine Lodge extends into Hudson river, tho' the same should exceed in breadth the extent of the said Lot of Catherine Lodge now the petitioners, was read and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the proprietors for regulating Laight Street, on both sides of Greenwich Street, and for raising the adjacent sunken lots, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector.

A Petition of George Codwise and Peter Schermerhorne for the privilege of building a pier in the centre of their ground between Beekman and Burling Slips was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the second Ward and the Comptroller.*

A Proposition of Richard Varick Esq[r] [475] to convey his right of soil under water at the foot of Dey Street was read and referred to Aldermen Selah Strong, Leroy and M[r] Demarest.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a new pump to be placed at the corner of Jefferson and Harman Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7[th] Ward, with power to grant the prayer if proper.

A Petition of the proprietors and inhabitants for regulating and paving Fourth Street between Pump and Division Streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Francis Bibbins to be appointed keeper of the Park was read and referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House with directions to employ some suitable person, at the expence of this Board, to take charge of the Park.

A Petition of the proprietors and inhabitants for paving Water Street from Clinton Street to Corlaers Hook was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.†

[476] A Communication from the Foreman of Fire engine Company N° 4. informing that the Proprietors of the Theatre had given orders for the removal of said Engine from their premises, was read and referred to the Chief Engineer.

A Memorial of George C. Schroeppel requesting a grant of Soil under water fronting his premises, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Memorial of the Humane Society requesting that some accommodation may be provided to seperate male and female debtors con-

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 11. 13. 20.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 9.*—ED.

fined in the goal of this city and county, was read and referred to the Committee of repairs.

A Petition of John Hutton that he may be permitted to keep a stall in the market at the Hay scales North river was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the President and Assistants of the Columbian Insurance Company praying the privilege of leading a drain from the cellar of their premises N° 66 Wall Street into the Common Sewer, was read and granted under the inspection of the Street Commissioner.

[477] A presentment of the Grand Jury for the body of this city and county setting forth sundry existing evils and nuisances within said city, was read and referred to the Recorder, Alderman Fish and M^r Bogardus.

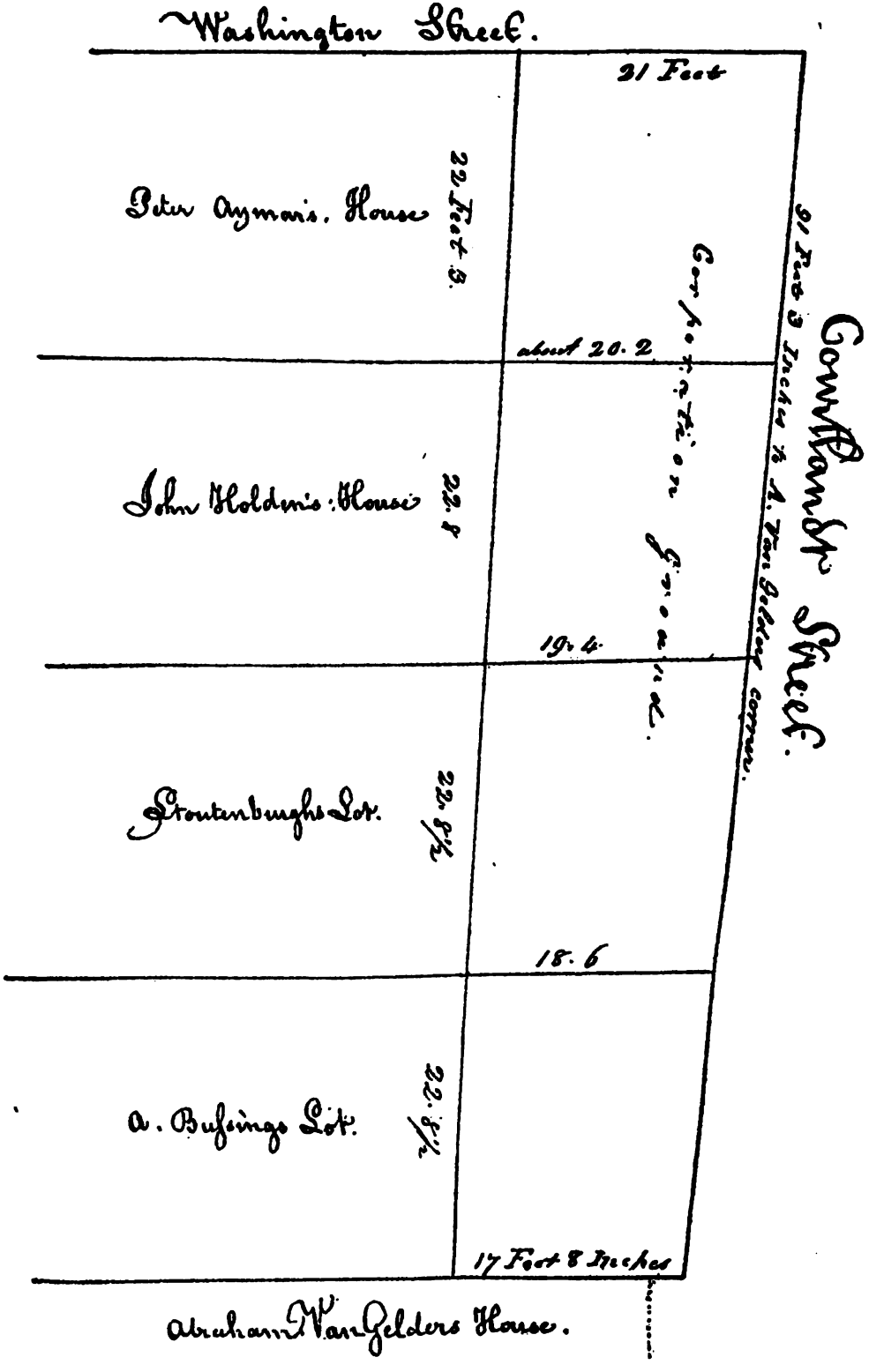
Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to employ as many Marshals at the expence of this Board as in his opinion may be necessary to enforce the laws for the order and good government of this city.

*The following Report of the referres appointed to settle the value of ground to be granted to the proprietors of Lots on the South side of Courtland Street, between Greenwich and Washington Streets, was read

To the Honourable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

We the Subscribers agreeably to our appointment by your Hon. Body and the proprietors of Lots in Courtland Street between Abraham Van Gelders House and Washington Street, Report, that we have examined, measured and estimated the advantage which each proprietor will receive by being permitted to advance his buildings on a [478] line with the South side of Courtland Street and give as our opinion that the following sums be paid by each for his proportion as described in the annexed Plan. viz^t

* Marginal note reads *See P. 452 Vol. 17. P. 31. 40.*—Ed.


Washington Street.
21 Feet
Peter Aymar's House
22 Feet 8
Cor. of Partition
about 20. 2
John Holden's House
22. 8
19. 4
Stoutenburghs Lot.
22. 8½
18. 6
A. Bussings Lot.
22. 8½
17 Feet 8 Inches
Abraham W. Van Gelders House.
91 Feet 3 Inches to A. Van Gelders corner
Courtlandt Street.

[479] Peter Aymar, Three Hundred Dollars	$300
John Holdron, Sixty Dollars	60
James Stoutenburgh One Hundred & Ninety Drs	190
Abraham Bussing, One Hundred & Eighty Drs	180
In all Seven Hundred & Thirty Dollars	$730

All which we respectfully submit

George Stanton
George Gosman.

Warrt No 93. Resolved that this Report be confirmed, and that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of George Gosman for Twelve Dollars for his expences as referee of this Board.

The Report of the Watch Committee in favour of the Petition of the inhabitants of Greenwich Village, for Watchmen, and that Four additional Watchmen be employed and stationed in said Village was read and approved.

A Communication from a Committee appointed by several Societies in this city for celebrating the 4th of July was referred to Messrs Mott, S. Strong R. Strong and the Clerk, who were appointed a Committee of arrangements on the part of this Board for celebrating the [480] Thirty first Anniversary of American Independence.

Resolved that the Superintendant of public repairs make such repairs to the Hudson Market, as the Committee of repairs shall direct and under their superintendance

A Report from the Police Office that Capt Beekman has suspended Abraham Reeves and Daniel Fonga for intoxication and neglect of duty.

A Report of the Street Commissioner respecting the repairs, ordered by the Board at the last meeting, in Broadway, with certain propositions for draining the collection of water occasioned by the present improvements, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to confer with Mr Anthony L. Bleecker on leading said water through his property in David Street.

A Report of the Street Commissioner including a Statement of ballances due Abraham Stagg & Co on contracts for improving Streets, recommending an advance in their favour on account was read and confirmed.

[481] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of
Warr[t] N° 95. Abraham Stagg & C° on the Treasurer for Five Hundred Dollars, in conformity with the preceding report.

The Street Commissioner reported two returns from Waters Furman of delinquents on the assessments for Elm Street and Suffolk Street.

Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Waters Furman, on the Treasurer for the following delinquents in Elm Street to operate as a lien* on the property viz[t]

Aaron Baldwin	12.67
Lot N° 729. Vacant.....	50.68
Lot N° 680. do	56.70
Warr[t] N° 99 Warr[t] for	$120. 5
Also that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of said Waters Furman for.....	$43.57

to operate as a lien† on

Lots N° 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737. } at $10.97. each

Warr[t] N° 94.

Situate in Suffolk Street and assessed said lots for regulating said Street.

[482] The Street Commissioner presented to the Board a map of a number of Streets through grounds belonging to Anthony L. Bleecker which he proposes to cede to the Corporation as public Streets, upon the same principles M[r] Jay has consented to cede Canal Street to wit, on condition that their grounds shall not be assessed for opening Streets through the surrounding premises.

This principle, he reported, might operate to the disadvantage of the Board where a very small donation of this kind was proffered. But it is very different where a large grant of streets are made, the proper widths and in the direction desired by the Corporation.

The Street Commissioner was of opinion that the terms of M[r] Bleecker ought to be agreed to.

Resolved that the terms aforesaid be accepted.

The following Report of the Street Commissioner was read and confirmed

The Street Commissioner has not been able to bring M[r] Bussing to any settlement [483] nor to obtain from him any returns upon the

* Marginal note reads *Elm Street Lien on Lots.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Lien on Lots in Suffolk Street.*—ED.

assessments remaining in his hands: although it is probable he is daily collecting money upon them.

The Attorney of the Board mentions that the Corporation can only recover from him at common law, such sums as they can prove he has received, and that they must file a bill in chancery, if they are in want of that proof.

The Street Commissioner begs leave to suggest one plan, to prevent a further dilapidation, if such should be the case: namely, that the Corporation appoint some discreet active person to take up the assessments of which Bussing has the copies, and go amongst the proprietors to know whether they have actually paid him and to prohibit payment if they have not.

All which is respectfully submitted.

June. 8. 1807 John S. Hunn
St Commr

Resolved that John Bussing be displaced as Collector, and that he deliver up to the Street Commissioner the Assessments in his hands, and that the Clerk publish notice of his being removed in the papers employed by this Board. And further resolved, that [484] Abraham Stagg be appointed Collector in place of said Bussing.

The Street Commissioner reported the terms which Mr Moses offered to accept for two lots, situate in Hester Street, and required for the purpose of opening Crosby Street to Canal Street.

Ordered that this report lie over for consideration.

A Report of the Street Commissioner with an Ordinance for regulating the Lot of Mrs Skates, corner of Church and Barley Streets was read and passed.

A Report of the Street Commissioner with an Ordinance for opening the drain in Water Street and cleansing the same, was read and passed: and Thomas Maule James Thompson, William Thomas, James Stewart and John C. Shaw were appointed Assessors

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the application of Mrs Duryee for payment of her bond given for altering Amity Street, that the assessment for making said Street on her property ought to be deducted from [485] said Bond, and on her compliance that the ballance be paid, was read and confirmed.

A Communication was read from Jehiel Jagger requesting that deeds might be made out for Lots No 18, 19 & 29, purchased at the Incleberg Sales, in the name of Arthur Kinder.

Ordered that the Comptroller prepare Deeds accordingly.

The Report of the Comptroller on the petition of Peter P. Van Zandt respecting the Assessment at Burling Slip, recommending said Assessment to be returned to the Assessors for reconsideration, was read and confirmed.

The Report of the Comptroller on the Petition of Catherine Westervelt and others respecting a water grant, was read and referred back for reconsideration.

The Report of the Comptroller on the application of David Fowler and others to lease the lots belonging to the Corporation in Magazine Street, that a lease of this valuable property cannot be made until the boundary line between the Corporation and George Janeway be adjusted, and the ground equitably divided so as to render the Lots more convenient in front and depth, was [486] read and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner to negociate with Mr Janeway on the subject.

The Comptroller reported that according to the Statement of the Treasurer there was in the Treasury.....	$16,160.37
And that the Collector of revenues had received.....	1,359.50

The Clerk reported that the following subjects which passed the Board on the 23d March last have been omitted to be entered on the Minutes; vizt

"The Comptroller upon the several applications of Isaac Cock, "David Lydig and of Benjamin and Henry Morgan respecting the "renewal of the Leases which they hold from the Corporation for "Lots at Peck Slip. Reports."

"That he thinks it would be proper to renew their leases for 21 "Years upon the following terms

"Isaac Cock, 2. Lots 22 feet each for each Lot.....	$125
"David Lydig, one Lot supposed to contain 35 feet front $6 pr foot...	210
[487] "B & H. Morgan one Lot supposed 22 feet @ $6 pr foot.....	132
"do 1 do 33 feet @ $6.....	$218"

"The Comptroller would beg leave to observe upon the above, "that the lots are very shallow not being more than 23 feet in depth."

"Upon the application of John Charles for the renewal of a Lease "for a Lot which he holds under the Corporation in Chatham Street, "adjoining the Lot of Mr Lawrence, The Comptroller recommends "that the Lease be renewed to him at the annual rent of $17.5%00

"All which is respectfully submitted"

Jacob Morton,
Comptroller

"Feb. 19th 1807.

"Ordered that the premises be leased to John Charles at the rate "of Two Hundred Dollars per. Annum."

"The Petition* of John Charles stating that he is the lessee of "Lot N° 13 Chatham Street, that his Lease will expire on the 1st of "May next when he is informed that this Board will ask £80. a year "for the same that the Lot adjoining to and of the same dimensions "as his was leased last year to [488] Richard P. Lawrence for 21. "years at £60. a year and that his is not worth more than £70 was "referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward."

†"The Committee to whom the foregoing Petition was referred "are of opinion that the sum of Seventy five pounds as formerly re- "ported by the Comptroller as the rent of the said Lot, is a reasonable "rent for the same: they therefore recommend that a Lease issue to "the Petitioner on the usual terms reserving the said rent."

John D. Miller
Stephen Ludlam.

"Ordered that the lease be granted to John Charles agreeably to the "report of the Committee."

Ordered that the preceedings subjects be entered upon the Minutes of this day and be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances from N° 3381. to 3386 inclusive for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Warrt N° 96 [489] Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of Richard Furman Superintendant, for Two Thousand Dollars for expences of the Alms House & Bridewell.

Warrt N° 97 Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of Jacob Cholwell for One Thousand Dollars, on account of his Contract for lighting the public Lamps.

Warrt N° 98. Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of Bartholemew Skates for Four hundred and Fifty Dollars for purchasing Fuel for the City Hall and Watch Houses.

Resolved that the Comptroller deliver a Bond to Peter Lorillard in behalf of this Corporation for the Sum assessed to him for ground taken for making Canal Street payable in Six years with interest.

* Marginal note reads *This Petition is entered Vid P. 343.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *This Report was entered originally Vid. P. 366.*—Ed.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eliphalet Wheeler and John K. Floor for permission to supply families with meat by calling at their doors; Reported in favour of granting them licence to sell meat agreeably to their petition in the 9th Ward.

[490] The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies in the several companies

Floating Engine

Richard Doty, Brewer, v. Stephen Latham resigd
Anthony Gryson, Innkeeper, v. Geo Townsend. decd
John Utt Junr Upholsterer, v. Wm Nexsen resigd

No 12.

Thomas Tucker, Mercht Taylor, v. John G. Cooke. do

No 13.

James Harris, Grocer, v. Dennis Miller, decd
Austin G. Reynolds, Copperplate printer, v. Caleb Horton. resigned.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

No Warrt					
81.	Jacob Morton. Comptr balle due Clerks & Marshals attendance at the last Election				$7.
82.	Andrew Leary, for repairs to		Engine Houses	$50.62	
83.	do	do	Watch Houses	73.12	
84.	do	do	drains for streets	18.	
85.	do	do	Pumps	33.	
86.	do	do	Ferry Stairs	2.28	
					177. 2
87.	James Horner	do	Wells		83.71
88.	Wm J. Waldron Services				69.50
89.	John Flinn labour at Collect				4.
90	John Virtue do		on roads		29. 6
91	Mooney & Burke, repairing Streets				16.87
[491]					
92.	Oliver Waldron Supt Highways				439.31
93.	George Gosman expences as Referree on Cortland St				12.
94	Waters Furman for assessment due on lots for regulatin[g] Suffolk Street				43.57
95.	Abraham Stagg. advanced on account of contracts for Streets				500.
96.	Richard Furman, on Acct of Alms House &c				2000.
97	Jacob Cholwell on Acct of public Lamps				1000.
98.	Bartholemew Skates, for purchasing fuel				450.
99	Waters Furman assessments due on Lots for regulating Elm Street				120. 5

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JUNE 15, 1807 TO DECEMBER 28, 1807

Members

of the

Common Council of the City of New York.

1807.

Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor

Maturine Livingston, Esquire Recorder.

First Ward	Wynant Van Zandt, Junr Esq.....	Alderman
	Andrew Morris	Assistant
Second do	Selah Strong, Esq.....	Alderman
	John W. Mulligan.....	Assistant
Third do	Jacob Leroy, Esq.....	Alderman
	Benjamin Haight	Assistant
Fourth do	John P. Ritter, Esq.....	Alderman
	Robert Bogardus	Assistant
Fifth do	Roger Strong, Esq.....	Alderman
	Thomas Demarest	Assistant
Sixth do	John D. Miller. Esq.....	Alderman
	Stephen Ludlam	Assistant
Seventh do	Jacob Mott. Esq.....	Alderman
	Samuel Torbert	Assistants
Eighth do	Thurston Wood. Esq.....	Alderman
	John Hopper, Junr.....	Assistant
Ninth do	Nicholas Fish, Esq.....	Alderman
	Gerard Depeyster	Assistant

[1] In Common Council June 15th 1807.

Present Marinus Willet, Esquire Mayor

John P. Ritter Roger Strong Jacob Mott John D. Miller Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Selah Strong Wynant Van Zandt Junr	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John W. Mulligan Gerard Depeyster Samuel Torbert Stephen Ludlam Thomas Demarest Benjamin Haight Andrew Morris.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that John Trim of Capt Farrington's Company had been suspended for non attendance, and that

Azel Conklin of Capt Beekmans Company had been suspended for sleeping on his post, was [2] read and referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Petition of Daniel Thew and others inhabitants of the County of Rockland, concerned in Stone quarries, requesting that Inspectors of building stone may be appointed, was read and referred to the Committee formerly appointed on that subject: Mr Morris Chairman.

†An Application of the Trustees of the Free School for the payment of the monies appropriated by law, out of the excise licences, towards the support of their Corporation, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Thomas Dunning, butcher requesting permission to build a market at Harlem, was read and referred to the Market Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A Petition of John Connor and others for a well and pump at the corner of Green and Spring Streets, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eight ward with power to grant if right.

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred the Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity of Corlaers Hook for a Fire Engine, reported

That the old Engine No 1. which stood at the Methodist Meeting having been replaced by a [3] larger Engine, may be stationed at Corlaers Hook.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 55.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 292.*—Ed.

Ordered that said report be confirmed and that the Chief Engineer deposit the Engine in such place as may be most conducive for the protection of that quarter of the city.

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred the Communication of the Foreman of N° 4

Reported that the Engine House N° 1. being too small for the new Engine, and being large enough for Engine N° 4. and having obtained permission from the Consistory of the North Church to place one in their Church yard; that he had removed said Engine to that place for the present as the proprietors of the Theatre insisted on its being immediately taken away.

*The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for regulating Crosby Street from Hester Street to Grand Street which was confirmed and Waters Furman [was appointed] to collect the money.

The Report of the Street Commissioner on an application of Isaac Moses to know whether the Corporation will accept his terms for two lots in Hester Street, was referred to [4] Alderman Van Zandt.

A Petition of Margaret Davis, representing that she is a Widow in low circumstances and incapable of paying, as lessee, the assessment on her lot for regulating Grand and Crosby Streets, was read. whereupon

Resolved that said Assessment be paid by the Common Council to operate as a lien on the property.

†The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for removing a House in Chamber Street in 1804.‡ Notice of which was ordered to be published the usual time in the papers employed by this Board.

The Street Commissioner further reported that the Assessors appointed to make an Assessment to raise the money awarded to M^r Rhinelander for widening Jay Street have qualified, but state they cannot agree upon the mode of Assessment.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5^th Ward, the Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner reported a profile of Elm Street, which was read, whereupon

[5] Resolved that the following be the Regulation of Elm Street from Anthony to Canal Streets, viz: to commence at the northerly ken-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 367.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 54.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 14. P. 111. 247. 312. 613.*—ED.

nel of Anthony Street aforesaid, thence northerly with an ascent of One inch on every ten feet for the distance of ninety five feet, thence with a descent of One and three quarters of an inch on every ten feet for the distance of One hundred and four feet to the Southerly kennel of Leonard Street; thence to the northerly kennel of Leonard Street upon a level: thence with an ascent of One and half inches on every ten feet for the distance of seventy three feet: thence with a descent of one and a half inches on every ten feet for the distance of one hundred and forty seven feet to the southerly kennel of Sugar loaf Street; thence to the northerly kennel of Sugar loaf Street upon a level: thence with an ascent of one and a half inches on every ten feet for the distance of sixty nine feet: thence with an ascent of One inch and a half on every ten feet for the distance of One hundred and fifty one feet to the southerly kennel of White Street: thence to the northerly kennel of White Street upon a level: thence with an ascent of one and a half inches on [6] every ten feet for the distance of Eighty nine feet: thence with a descent of one and a half inches on every ten feet across Walker Street for the distance of three hundred and twenty nine feet or thereabouts to the southerly kennel of Canal Street, which last mentioned kennel is to be six feet above high water mark in the Hudson river, agreeably to a profile thereof made by Samuel Stillwell one of the City surveyors dated the twenty second day of May, One thousand eight hundred and seven, and filed in the Office of the Street Commissioner.

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of Christian Shultz and others for regulating and paving Fourth Street, was read and recommitted to the Street Commiss^{r} and City Inspector.

The following was presented by the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner encloses an account of Oliver Jaques Collector for sums assessed upon vacant lots in Crosby Street for which no owners can be found and for the ballance due on vacant lots assessed to the Heirs of Nicholas Bayard upon which the money cannot be raised [7] altogether amounting to $168.90. And he recommends that a Warrant issue on the Treasury in favour of said Jacques for the said sum. The assessment on this property having been made previous to passing the Law authorizing the Corporation to sell vacant Lots for the sums assessed.

All which is respectfully submitted

June 15. 1807. John S. Hunn.

The Corporation of the City of New York
To Oliver Jaques, Collecr for Crosby St Dr

		Dollrs
1807. June. 12.	For Assessmt on 1. lot to Hoffman of Westchester, not found	11.40
	For do on 1. Lot to Sigismond Hugget of Newark, said not to own it	11.40
	For do on 2. Lots to *Willm Rickets said to be in Europe	22.80
	For do on Lots No 1172 & 1173. of Bayards Map. vacant.	22.80
	For Ballance due on 323$^{80}/_{100}$ Dollrs assessed upon Heirs of Nichs Bayard after deducting 11$^{49}/_{100}$ paid by A. H. Lawrence, 150 paid by the Corporation to Simon Ackerman and 61.76. paid by Gerard Rutgers	100.50
	Dolls	168.90

Examined with the Assessment.
John S. Hunn.

[8] Ordered that a Warrant be issued on the Treasurer in Warrt No 109 favour of Oliver Jaques for $168.90 to operate as a lien† on the aforesaid property.

The Street Commissioner reported that John B. Dash and John Mills decline qualifying as Assessors for Pine Street.

Resolved that James Anderson and Thomas W. Gilbert be appointed in their place.

He further reported, that William Thomas is unable, by indisposition, to serve as an Assessor for the drain in Water Street.

Resolved that William Thomas Junr be appointed in his place.

He further reported that Barnt Deklyne appointed Assessor for Mulberry Street had removed from this city.

Resolved, that William Dustan be appointed in his place.

Resolved that Stephen Rich be appointed Assessor for Sugar loaf Street in place of Chrystie, who is interested in the Assessment.

The Street Commissioner reported on the petition for regulating First and Second Streets, recommending [9] that the same be referred back to obtain a greater number of Petitioners and to designate the quantity of ground owned by each subscriber and the particular situation.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

‡The Street Commissioner reported on the Petition for paving Water Street, from Mrs McCreas, (Clinton Street) to Corlaers Hook

* Marginal note reads *James Rickets.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Lien. $168.90.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 475.*—Ed.

that the improvement was essentially necessary, but recommended that the Petition be referred back to obtain a greater number of Subscribers.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*The Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of William Hunter and others requesting permission to make Corlaer Street from Cherry to Grand Street, was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner for further investigation.

The following Communication was presented by the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board that he notified the proprietors of Lots on Broadway and the Bowery last fall to open said Street, and that [10] he also notified them this Spring, but that they have hitherto neglected to comply, with one or two exceptions. That Mr Dunham still occupies his house standing on the Street, although long since paid for the ground and the expence of removal. The Street Commissioner therefore requests to be informed what further steps he must pursue to open the said Street, in order that some plan may be devised to make it passable.

All which is respectfully submitted

June. 15th 1807. John S. Hunn.

†Ordered that the Street Commissioner with the advice of the Counsel and Attorney of the Board adopt legal measures to compel the opening of Broadway.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Schermerhorn and George Codwise reported

That the Petitioners own the whole of the property fronting on South Street between Beekman and Burling Slips being about 111 feet that they request permission to sink a pier into the river in the centre of their ground.

The Committee are of opinion that the request of Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise cannot be complied with, as the sinking a pier at that place would [11] materially injure both Burling and Beekman Slips, but in consequence of filling up Beekman Slip it has wholly destroyed the accomodations for market boats and materially injured the property and business in that quarter, which makes it necessary that piers should be made at that Slip without delay. The Committee therefore recommend that a pier of 40 feet wide and 240 feet in length be made at the east side of Burling Slip to be set back 30 feet from

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 27.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 52.*—Ed.

the present range of the Slip. This pier will be opposite to the property of Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise, who are by their grants entitled to the wharfage on South Street in front of their property and as this pier will deprive them of the wharfage, it is reasonable they should be compensated for that loss.

*It is recommended that a Committee be appointed to confer and agree with Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise for a compensation for this Loss, and if they cannot agree that the Committee be authorized to appoint referrees on the part of this board, to meet such referrees as shall be appointed by Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise to determine what compen [12] sation shall be allowed them by this Board for the right of wharfage opposite their premises. The Committee further recommend that another pier of 30 feet in width be made at the east side of Beekman Slip to be set 20 feet from the range of Beekman Slip and opposite to the property of John Rogers deceased, two thirds of the expence of this pier to be defrayed by the owners of lots on the east side of the pier agreeably as the law directs. It is further recommended by the Committee that two other piers be made out, the one on the east side of Fly market Slip and the other on the west side of Burling Slip, each pier to be set 20 feet from the range of the Slips and to be the usual length into the river: these piers to be each 30 feet wide and two thirds the expence of each pier to be borne by the proprietors of water lots opposite their premises.

A draft of the piers recommended to be made accompanies this report

All which is submitted.

Selah Strong
John W. Mulligan
J. Morton.

June 15th 1807.

[13] Ordered that the same Committee be authorized to negociate with Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise for the terms on which they will cede their property as stated in the preceding report; and that the Clerk give notice, agreeably to law, of the intention of this Board to cause piers to be built between Flymarket and Beekmans Slips.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Benninger praying the renewal of the lease of Lot No 33. in Augustus Street, reported that

The said Lot would not be required for the purpose of opening Chatham Street until 1809 when the lease of No 34 would expire and recommending the renewal to Mr Benninger.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 474. also forward P 13. 20.*—ED.

Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to let said lot on the best terms he can obtain from year to year.

William Keefe represented that the halliards of the Flagstaff at the Battery are so worn as to be useless.

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs provide another set of halliards.

The Comptroller reported that agreeably to the statement of the Treasurer there was [14] in the Treasury..... $13.050
And in the hands of the Collector of revenues..... 1.594

On application, permission was granted to Alderman Ritter and Mr Andrew Hunt to make vaults in Greenwich Street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Resolved that the Clerk of this Board cause the Ordinance for the due observance of the Lord's day to be published in the Newspapers employed by this Board, and also cause an extract of that part of the said Ordinance which relates to bathing and sporting in the waters of the North and East rivers to be printed in hand bills, to be set up on the North river from Provost Street to the State prison and from Catherine Market to Willetts Wharf on the East river.

*Resolved that the Governor be requested to cause the public powder in the powder House near the 3. Mile Stone, Manhattan Avenue, to be removed and that the Mayor be desired to communicate to him a copy of this resolution and confer with him respecting a proper place or places to which the same may be removed.

[15] Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to produce to this Board a statement of all the unappropriated lands, belonging to this Corporation between High and low water mark.

Resolved that the pumps in the middle of Broadway and Broad Street be removed to the sidewalks, in the usual manner, by the Superintendant of repairs, under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards.

Warrant N° 110. Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of William Ray for $150. on account of his contract for Manhattan ville road.

†Ordered that the Lamp Committee report at the next meeting of this Board, on the proposals for lighting the public lamps, and in case of neglect on their part, that the Comptroller report the most advantageous proposal.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 349.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 26.*—Ed.

*Mr Mulligan gave notice that he would call up, at the next meeting the petition of William Thomas for a water grant in front of his property at Scammel Street, and the papers relating thereto.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances [16] for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from No 3387 to No 3402. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Fire Engine Company No 3. Abraham Hollenbeck was appd Fireman, vice Clarkson Laforge expelled.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 100.	Captn Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$237.16
101	" William Van Wart. do	.....	237.16
102	" John Farrington. do	.....	217.16
103	" Magnus Beekman do	.....	217.16
104.	" Jacob Hays. do	.....	178.36
105.	" Charles Van Orden do	.....	178.36
106.	David Longworth for city Maps	.....	89.25
107.	Daniel Woolsey. " repairs to Docks	.....	90.94
108.	David King, furnishing Rooms for Gd Jury &ca	.....	52.56
109.	Oliver Jacques, assessment of delinquent proprietors in Crosby Street, to operate as a lien on the property	.....	168.90
110.	William Ray on Acct of Manhattan ville road	.....	150. "
111.	John Murphy Balle of intestate estate of Robert Pendergast. decd	.....	46.67

[17] In Common Council, June 22d 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.
Maturine Livingston Esqr Recorder

Roger Strong		Messrs Gerard Depeyster	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Demarest	
Selah Strong		Benjamin Haight	
Jacob Mott	Esquires	Stephen Ludlam	Assistants
Jacob Leroy	Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr		Robert Bogardus	
Thurston Wood		Andrew Morris	
John D. Miller		John W. Mulligan.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

†A remonstrance of the inhabitants of Grand and Sixth Streets against a new Slaughter House about to be erected in Sixth Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and the City Inspector.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 428. See forward. P. 34. 58. 67.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 42.*—Ed.

[18] A Report from the Police Office, that William Parker and Allison Platt of Cap^{t} Beekmans Company, had been suspended for non attendance and Abraham Laskee of Cap^{t} Lawrence's company had been also suspended for sleeping on his post, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Letter from John Stoutenburg Chief Fire warden, inclosing the resignation of William H. Ireland, Firewarden of the 3^{d} Ward and recommending Henry Rankin to be appointed in his place, was read, whereupon

Ordered that the resignation of William H. Ireland be accepted and that Henry Rankin be appointed in his place.

Ordered that Richard Duryee be appointed Firewarden for the First Ward in place of Joseph Newton, removed out of the Ward.

A Letter from William Schultz Engineer from Holland, dated Philadelphia, informing of various inventions and improvements in Mechanics and Hydraulics, and proffering his services to the Board, was read;

Ordered that the Clerk answer said letter and inform him that the Board have no occasion for his services at present.

An Application from Abel W. Hardenbrook [19a.] for a payment, on account, for Fire engines made by him, was read,

Warr^{t} N^{o} 117 Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for Five Hundred Dollars.

*A Petition of Thomas Ten Eyck requesting payment of half the sum expended by him in making a pier on the eastern side of Coenties Slip in front of South street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward and the Comptroller.

†A translation of a letter from Matthew Stohr of Herbolzheim near Windsheim in the principality of *Layreuth* [Bayreuth] in Germany, requesting intelligence concerning the Family of George Fisher and brothers, who emigrated to this country between the years 1747 & 1779: was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board to make enquiry.

‡A Report of the Attorney of the Board containing a verdict of the Jury for damages for opening Cross Street, from little Water Street to Magazine Street, was read and ordered to lie over for consideration.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 93. 225. 267.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 40.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 85.*—ED.

*A report of the Attorney of the Board on the petition of Hester Dewitt respecting an assessment of her Lot, was read, stating that in consequence of an agreement among the heirs the interposition of this Board was unnecessary.

[19b.] A Petition of Jacob Manold Butcher, requesting the assignment of the Stall N° 57 in the Flymarket, occupied by Henry Astor who would relinquish the same in his favour, was read and granted.

A Report of the Committee to whom was referred the presentment of the Grand Jury, was read and referred to the same Committee to prepare for publication.

An Application from Zeno Weeks of Harlem, requesting compensation for a dinner prepared by order, for the road Committee in April 1806, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

†A Petition of Thomas Duggan complaining of a deficiency in his ground on Broadway in consequence of the regulation of said Street and Canal Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Letter from Henry Hammond complaining against a vacant Lot adjoining his premises, corner of Hudson and Thomas Streets, as a nuisance, was read. The City Inspector informed the Board that measures were taken to remedy the cause of complaint.

[20] Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of Isaac Warden for seventeen Dollars, as an allowance towards a new well and pump at the corner of Spring and Sullivan Streets, agreeably to a certificate of the Alderman of the Ward.

Warrt 118

Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of William Kay for nineteen Dollars, as an allowance for a new well and pump in Walker Street, agreeably to a certificate of the Alderman of the Ward.

Warrt 119.

The Committee appointed for that purpose reported arrangements for celebrating the thirty first Anniversary of American Independence on the 4th July next, which were adopted.

A Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Directors of the Highland Turnpike Company respecting a new bridge across Harlem river at the northern extremity of this island, was read and referred back to the same Committee for further negociation.

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* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 362.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 67.*—Ed.

*The Committee on the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn and George Codwise Junr further reported

That they have had an interview [21] with those gentlemen, but have not been able to agree with them for compensation for the right of wharfage in front of their ground at Burling slip: but the Committee have proposed to them that they should unite with the Corporation in building the Pier and that they should pay two thirds of the expence; for which consideration they should be entitled to receive the wharfage on the east side of the pier for two births of Ships, or for the use of the water not exceeding sixty feet from the pier. This proposition Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise will comply with, upon condition of their having the exclusive right of wharfage at the end of the Pier. As this arrangement will relieve the Corporation from paying a considerable sum of money for the right of wharfage and also from two thirds of the expence of building the Piers, it is recommended that these proposals be agreed to on the part of the Corporation, and that Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise be permitted without delay to contract with such persons as they shall think proper to build the said Pier and that this board will pay one third of the expence thereof. It is also recommended that a Pier be run out forming an L so as to complete the Corporation Basin at [22] the foot of Partition Street on the North river and also one other Pier with an L so as to complete the Basin already begun at the Hayscales near Duane Street; That the clerk be directed immediately to make out an Ordinance and have it published for six weeks as the Law directs, requiring all persons interested in the property adjacent to these Piers, to signify their assent to be at their proportion of the expence for building the said Piers, and in default thereof their right will be granted to such other persons as are willing to take it.

All which is submitted

June. 22d 1807. Selah Strong.
Jacob Morton.

Ordered that this report be confirmed

The Clerk presented the following Ordinance which was passed.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, this twenty second day of June, One thousand eight hundred and seven: That a good and substantial Pier composed of four Blocks and four Bridges, each

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 11.*—Ed.

forty feet wide at top and bottom, making a distance of two hundred and fifty feet, be [23] sunk from the South line of South Street into the East river on the east side of Burling Slip opposite the property of George Codwise Jun[r] and in such manner that the westerly side of said pier be on a line *thirty feet easterly from the east line of the said Slip; and that the said pier be commenced on or before the third day of August next, and finished without delay.

And be it further Ordained, That one other good and substantial Pier, composed of Four blocks and four bridges be sunk opposite the property of the Heirs of John Rogers deceased on the East side of Beekman Slip, in such manner as that the west line of said Pier be on a line with the front of the buildings erected on the east side of said Slip; that the two inner blocks be thirty feet square at top and bottom, the two outermost blocks forty feet wide at bottom and thirty feet at top, and that the whole be two hundred and fifty feet in length from the south line of South Street: and that the said pier be commenced on or before the third day of August next and finished without delay.

And be it further ordained That one other good and substantial pier, composed of Four blocks and four Bridges of the same dimensions as the [24a.] two piers last above mentioned be sunk from the southerly line of South Street into the east river on the east side of the Flymarket Slip, in such manner as that the west side of the said pier be on a line twenty feet easterly of the east side of the present Ferry stairs at the said Flymarket slip; and that the said pier be commenced on or before the third day of August next and finished without delay.

And be it further Ordained, that all the piers above mentioned are to be completed in a good workmanlike manner with faced sides above half tide, in a manner [such as] those are done at the Battery and Peck slip and that they are to be securely connected with the several wharves any thing hereinbefore to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Ordained that this Board will contribute their proportion towards the expence of the said piers agreeably to law, and that Selah Strong, John W. Mulligan and John S. Hunn, be a Committee to unite with the several proprietors, to consult upon the best methods of effecting the objects of this Ordinance and to sign any contracts or agreements they may agree upon, in behalf of this Board.

* Marginal note reads *25.*—ED.

The following Report of the Comptroller was read.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the [24.b.] petition of Henry Stanton praying to be discharged from a demand which the Corporation have against him on account of rent for the Brooklyne Ferry

Reports that from the representation of Richard Furman Esq^{r} hereunto annexed it appears that M^{r} Stanton took the Ferry at Brooklyne in December 1800 under an expectation that in the Spring a lease would be given to him for a longer period, and that without that expectation, which it appears the Committee who had the charge of leasing the ferries sanctioned, he would not have undertaken the business.

That from documents produced by M^{r} Stanton it appears that he sustained a loss of Three hundred and twenty three dollars on the boats which he purchased from M^{r} Van Mater, the former lessee of the ferry and which he sold to the succeeding lessees Mess^{rs} Townsend and Van Nostrandt. When to this actual Loss is added the expences necessarily incurred for the repairs of the boats and for the wages and maintenance of the men employed at the Ferry; and when it is considered that the period for which M^{r} Stanton held the Ferry is a season of the year when it is generally believed that the expences equal [25] if not exceed the profits, it is highly probable that M^{r} Stanton was, as stated in his petition a very considerable loser by his engagement.

Under all these circumstances of this case the Board will therefore judge whether it would not be equitable to remit to M^{r} Stanton the rent charged against him.

All which is respectfully submitted.

June 22^{d} 1807. Jacob Morton, Compt^{r}

On motion to confirm the Report of the Comptroller, and that Henry Stanton be discharged accordingly, it passed in the Affirmative as follows; a division being called by M^{r} Torbert:

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman R. Strong	Alderman Mott
S. Strong	Wood
Leroy	Miller
Van Zandt	Mess^{rs} Demarest
Mess^{rs} Haight	Ludlam
Bogardus	Torbert
Morris	Hopper.
Mulligan	

[26] *A Petition of John Moore, respecting the lease of the Lot in Chatham Street adjoining the Gaol was read and referred to the Comptroller.

Resolved that the Comptroller ascertain and report to this Board whether John M^cLean has paid rent for a certain lot of ground let out by him to John Moore, which belongs to the Corporation, and whether said Moore has paid any and what rent to said M^cLean.

The following Report of the Comptroller was read.

†The Comptroller having been informed that the Lamp Committee have not prepared any Report upon the several proposals which have been offered for lighting the public Lamps of the city for the ensuing year, begs leave to submit to the Board the annexed Statement of the proposals which have been made upon that subject, viz^t

State of Proposals relative to lighting the Lamps.

Allen and Hubbel, propose to light the Lamps, each Lamp, per year @	$12.
A. Sitcher d^o	10.94
Jacob Cholwell made no proposal previous to the meeting of the Board. At the Board he handed to me one [27] of the members a paper stating that he would light the Lamps—p^r an. each	10.
J. Auld proposed lighting all the public Lamps including 3. nights after the full moon @	10.
By this last proposal the public has the advantage of 3. nights lighted in each month and also the signal Lamps lighted every night which is an actual saving of	175.52

Whereupon Resolved that the Contract of J. Auld be accepted.

‡M^r Bogardus gave notice that at the next meeting he would move a reconsideration of the preceding resolution.

||Resolved that the proposals for lighting the public Lamps be referred to M^r Torbert, Aldermen S. & R. Strong and the Comptroller.

Warr^t 120. Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Alderman Ritter Chairman of the Market Committee, Five Hundred Dollars, being a grant towards the building a cellar under the new market at the foot of Duane Street.

§The following Report was read.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom it was referred more particularly to investigate the circumstances connected

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 126.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 15.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 42.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See. P. 42.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 9. 55.*—ED.

with [28] the application of William Hunter and others for liberty to make Corlaer Street, have the honour to report

That they have examined the title of Mr Cannon for the lands under water on the North side of Grand Street and find that he has obtained a water grant from high to low water mark 200 feet into the river. That he is bound to make half the Street to low water mark where a slip is to commence. That the Slip is to be left 70 feet wide being the width of Grand Street and that he is to recede 25 feet from the line of Grand Street, or side of the Slip, from Mangin Street easterly, for the line of his buildings leaving the 25 feet for a public passage along the said Slip, and they further find, that Mr Cannon is bound to leave the same space for a passage along the line of Broome Street.

Your Committee further report, that as Corlaer Street is a very short distance above Mangin Street, they conceive it most adviseable that the proprietors of lots joining Grand Street, on the South side, should also leave a space of 25 feet in width south of Grand Street and from Corlaer Street to East street as designated on the Map accompanying [29] the report of the Street Commissioner, by a red line from F to G. and that they should be bound to make the Slip and wharf in the same manner as has been stipulated with Mr Cannon.

Your Committee further recommend that the several proprietors be directed to take their grants without delay between Grand Street and Cherry Street, and that they be directed by proper ordinances for that purpose to sink a bulkhead on the easterly line of Corlaer Street from Grand to Cherry Street and fill in the westerly part within six months; that they also sink a bulk head at least 200 feet east of Corlaer Street and fill in the same before the expiration of twelve months; and that on failure to comply with these stipulations they shall severally forfeit their preemptive right to the said grants.

Your Committee are aware that these stipulations may be considered by some as too partial and severe and that it is unusual to compel so large a space of ground to be made in so short a time: but they beg leave to answer that four or five persons are connected in making the said Corlaer Street, and if only one of them should fail to sink or contribute his proportion to sinking [30] a bulkhead along the Street in front of his lot, it would prevent his adjoining neighbours on each side from complying with their engagements in this respect, unless they went to the enormous expence of sinking a wharf along his ground to protect their earth.

Your Committee farther state that all the water as stated in the report of the Street Commissioner is very shoal and the ground bare at low water; that the bank adjoining the premises is very high and without rocks, and that in all probability the work can be done cheaper now than at any future period as earth is daily becoming more scarce and valuable.

Your Committee further remark that it would, in their opinion, be conducive to public improvements to grant to the several proprietors the additional lands under water to the east side of East street immediately upon their complying with the stipulation above mentioned and upon such terms as may be fixed for water grants in that vicinity.

All which is respectfully submitted.

June 22d 1807. J. Morton
John S. Hunn.

[31] Ordered that the preceding Report be confirmed.

*The Street Commissioner informed the Board that in surveying the grounds in front of the lots at the corner of Washington and Cortland Streets lately agreed to be taken in by the proprietors he finds that the referrees have measured too far into the street, and if the line they have marked out was built upon the Street would not only be narrower there by 3 or 4 feet† than it is at Greenwich Street but if continued would cross the Slip before it would reach West Street; which was never the intention of the Committee and which never could be right.

The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that the report of Messrs Gosman and Stanton be referred to them to make such alteration and deduction upon the sum to be paid as shall be proper, when they have ascertained the true area of ground to be taken in by a survey of one of the sworn city Surveyors, which they neglected to do in the first instance.

‡Whereupon Ordered, that the report of Messrs Gosman and Stanton be referred to them for amendment.

||The Street Commissioner reported an [32] ordinance for laying the curb, paving the carriage way and filling in the sidewalks with sand or gravel in Rivington street from Bowery to Norfolk Street, which was passed and William Hunter, Whitehead Hicks, Ezekiel Bishop, John Youle and Benjamin North were appointed Assessors.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 477.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *3 feet 2 inches at corner of Aymars Ho*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 40.* Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 230.*—Ed.

A Report of the Street Commissioner on the state of Chapel Street, was read and ordered to lie over.

The following report was read.

The Committee to whom it was referred to consult Mr Bleecker respecting the regulating of part of David Street for the purpose of letting the water from Broadway have the honour to report

That Mr Bleecker has consented to cede the Street to the Corporation and given permission to regulate so much of it as may be necessary to correct the aforesaid nuisance, but as it is no benefit to him and rather a temporary evil by destroying a part of his grass, he will not contribute towards the expence.

The Committee are of opinion that the Board had better cause this work to be done, [33] than contend with Mr Bleecker about it.

Nichs Fish
June 22d 1807. Thurston Wood
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that this Report be confirmed.

The Report of the Committee in favour of the Petition of Thomas Dunning to build a temporary market in the town of Harlem was read and confirmed; and permission granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

The Street Commissioner asked leave of absence to make an excursion into the country, of two or three weeks, for the benefit of his health, which was granted.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances, from No 3403. to No 3412 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

*Resolved that the Comptroller report, at the next meeting of this Board, on the †application of Adam and Noah Brown for a grant at the foot of North Street.

Resolved that the Alderman and Assistant [34] of the Fourth Ward have power to place a gate at the entrance and outlet of the Common sewer in Roosevelt Street, and also that the City Inspector place Lime in the care of some discreet person, to be, from time to time, strewed in the mouth of said drain.

‡Mr Mulligan gave notice that he would call up the subject relating to William Thomas, at the next meeting.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 377.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 270.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 15. 58. 67.*—Ed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 30. Gideon Carstang vice John Garret, resigned.

Harlem Fire Engine Company. Joseph Mott vice John McEwen decd

Jonathan Randall Junr v. Thomas Barss removd
John P. Waldron v. Najah Wildman, do
John Dewitt v. Samuel Darling. do

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 112.	Yearly subscription to New York Dispensatory.....	$25.
113.	A. C. Degrove, sweeping Chimnies at Bellevue.....	8.28
114.	Patrick McBrearly, carting earth to Whitehall dock.....	1.75
115.	[35] James J. Myers, Superintendant of roads.....	841.54
116.	Matthew Dikeman, repairs to Wells & pumps.....	81.12
117.	Abel W. Hardenbrook, on acct of Fire engines.....	500. "
118	Isaac Warden, allowance towards a Pump in Spring & Sullivan Streets	17.
119.	William Kay do do in Walker Street.....	19.
120.	John P. Ritter, Chairman of Market Committee, towards Duane St Market.....	500.

[36] In Common Council. June 29th 1807

Present Marinus Willet, Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Samuel Torbert
Thurston Wood		Thomas Demarest
Jacob Leroy		Gerard Depeyster
Nicholas Fish		Stephen Ludlam
Selah Strong		Benjamin Haight — Assistants
John P. Ritter		Andrew Morris
Roger Strong		John Hopper Junr
		Robert Bogardus
		John W. Mulligan

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Thomas Heckle of Capt Van Ordens Company had been suspended for sleeping on his post was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Communication from Samuel Cowdrey Esqr requesting information respecting a plea in the suit of Stephen Colver for violating his [37] patent right to mud machines, now pending in the district Court of the United States, was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board to confer with Mr Cowdrey on the subject.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 169. 193.*—Ed.

A Letter from Messrs Cornelius Ray and Anthony L. Bleecker Loan Officers, on the subject of George B. Ewarts mortgage, was read and referred to the Attorney and Comptroller.

A memorial of Richard Varick against repaving the footwalk of his proportion of Pine Street, according to a late ordinance, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the First, Second & third Wards with power to accomodate Mr Varick and other proprietors as they may judge expedient.

*A memorial of Benjamin Romaine respecting the regulating the boundary of his Common land for the purpose of opening a road, and a proposition for laying out a road across the island, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the ninth Ward.

A memorial of James Davidson and others requesting the interposition of the Board to prevent the dangerous practice of firing guns and squibs on the 4th of July and at other times in the public streets, to the great [38] annoyance and imminent hazard of the citizens, was read, whereupon

Ordered that the Law against Firing Guns be published and handbills containing the same posted throughout the city, and that the Clerk attend to the execution of this order.

A Letter from Col. Rutgers on the subject of the Powder House near the 3 mile stone calling the attention of the Board to its hazardous situation, was read.

Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to employ Four Watchmen for the protection of said Magazine, and to cause the lightening rods to be repaired.

A Petition for paving Delancey Street from Bowery to Norfolk Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Catherine Kurley to be released from a fine incurred for selling spirituous liquors without licence, was rejected.

†A Petition of William Ferguson requesting that James Donaldson may be compelled to open Washington Street from Hubert Street to the petitioner's lot, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Comptroller.

[39] A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Pump, at the corner of Orchard and Stanton Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward with power to grant on the usual terms.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 55.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 67.*—Ed.

*A Memorial of Peter A Schenck Esq[r] Surveyor of the port of New York, requesting that a situation may be assigned at Whitehall Slip with privilege to erect a temporary building for the purpose of accomodating the revenue barges of the U[d] States, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward and the Comptroller.

Ordered that the same Committee enquire into the Elizabeth town and Staten island ferries and report regulations respecting them.

A Letter from Gouverneur Morris Esq. one of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and roads, requesting access to the public Maps and documents relating to the object of their appointment, and that an appropriation of money may be made in their favour towards discharging the duties of said appointment was read, Whereupon

Ordered that the officers of this Board place at the disposition of the Commissioners for laying out streets and highways on this island, such documents and Maps as may be in their [40] several departments, relating to the duties of the said Commissioners and furnish such copies as they may require; and that a Warrant be issued in their favour for Five Hundred Dollars; and that they account for their expenditures to the Comptroller.

Warrant N° 142

†The Attorney to whom was referred the letter of Matthew Stohr requesting intelligence concerning the family of George Fisher and brothers, reported information derived from M[r] John Fisher of Brooklyne, one of the family.

The Mayor was requested to forward an authenticated copy of the Attorneys report to said Matthew Stohr.

‡The following report of George Gosman and George Stanton, referrees to value the ground in Cortland Street was read:

The Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

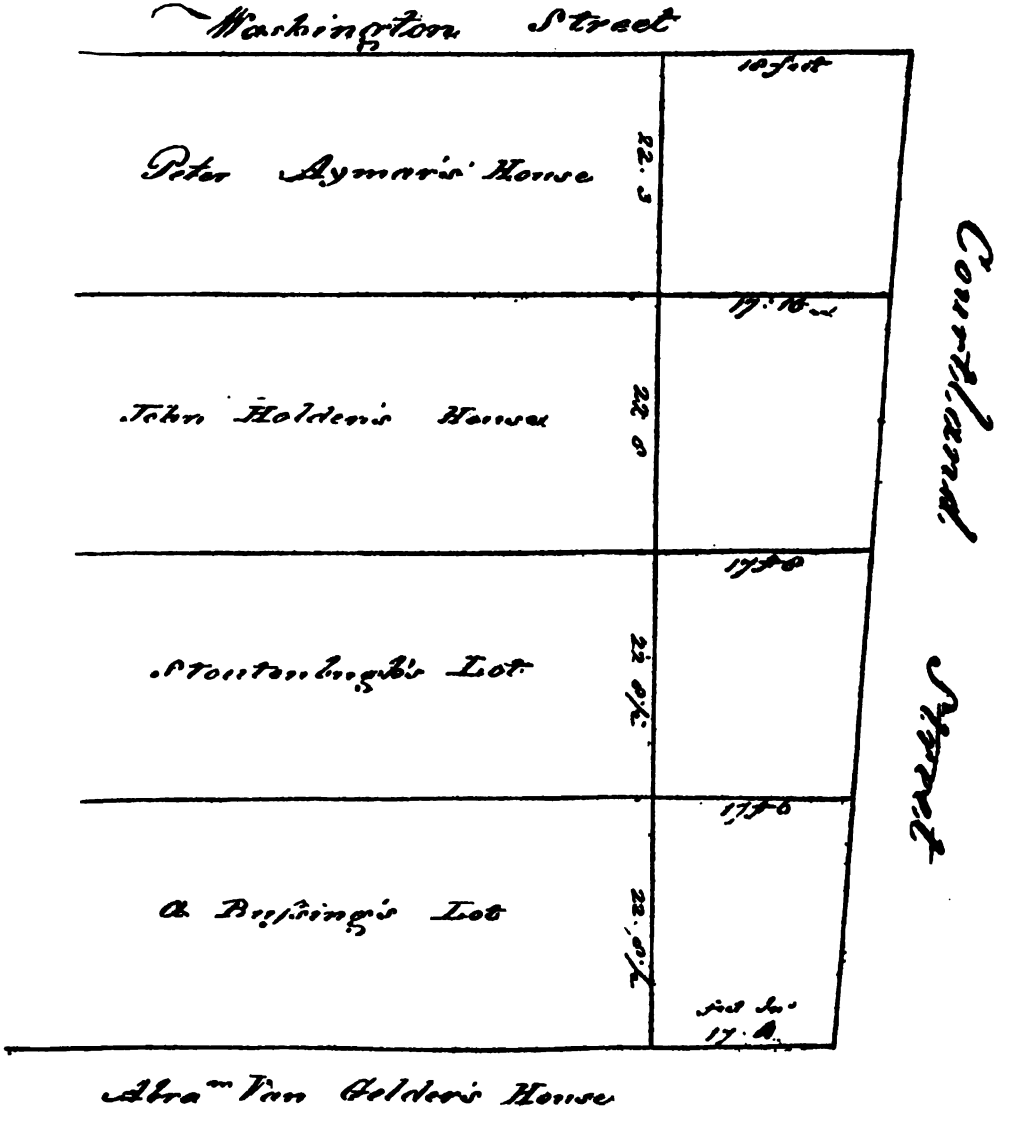
We the subscribers, agreeably to our appointment by your Honourable Body have measured and valued the advantage which each proprietor will receive by being permitted to advance their building on a line with the South side of Cortland Street from Abraham Van Gelders House to Washington Street according to the report of the Street [41] Commissioner and the annexed plan: viz[t] We give it as our opinion that Peter Aymar pay on demand to the Corporation Two hundred and fifty nine Dollars, and John Holdron Fifty dollars, and

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 92.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 19. a.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 31.*—ED.

James Stoutenburgh One hundred and Eighty three Dollars and Abraham Bussing One hundred and Seventy six Dollars; Amounting to Six hundred and sixty eight Dollars, the principal to be paid on delivery of the deeds or with lawful interest when occupied. All which we respectfully submit.

June 29. 1807.

George Stanton
George Gosman.



[42] Ordered that said report be confirmed and that a Warrant be issued in favour of George Gosman for six Dollars for referrees fees.

*A Petition of Peter Aymar praying that the former regulation concerning the ground in Courtland Street, as reported by Messrs Stanton & Gosman the 8th of June, may be adhered to and a grant made to him accordingly, was in consequence of the adoption of their preceding report, rejected.

†The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the inhabitants in Grand and Sixth streets complaining against the erecting a new slaughter house in their vicinity, That the Corporation has no power to interfere, was confirmed.

The Clerk presented an invitation from Major General Stevens to attend the military review on the 4th of July next at 7 o'clock at the Battery: and also Tickets of admission to the Oration to be delivered in the Presbyterian Church in Beekman Street.

‡Mr Bogardus agreeably to notice moved for a reconsideration of the Resolution of the last meeting accepting the proposal of J. Auld for lighting the public lamps, which was carried.

||The Committee to whom was referred the proposals offered for lighting the Lamps of the city presented the following report

[43] That the two lowest proposals presented are those of Mr Cholwell & Mr Auld: that neither of those are so specific as to admit of forming a certain contract without verbal explanations: that upon such explanation being made your Committee perceive but very little if any difference in the terms. It is understood by your Committee, that each of those Gentlemen will find Oil, wick &ca and light all the City Lamps, including the signal Lamps at Ten Dollars each Lamp, per year, the signal Lamps to be lighted every night at the same price, and all the other Lamps to be lighted the third, second and first nights next after the full of the moon whenever necessary. Considering that by the late contract with Mr Cholwell the Corporation are bound to pay him for the Oil on hand, if they contract with another, and that Mr Auld is at liberty to take it or not from the Corporation should they accept his proposals, Your Committee are of opinion that a new contract be made with Mr Cholwell upon the above terms, restricting the quantity of oil, which the Corporation will receive and pay for at the end of the year to a sufficiency to light the Lamps for two or three weeks only, and that the Lamp Committee ascertain and fix the

* Marginal note reads *See P 51.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 17.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 27.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 27.*—Ed.

quality of the oil, the mode [44] manner and times of lighting the Lamps, circumstantially, at the above price in the contract to be drawn up by them and executed by the contracting parties. The Committee recommend that some measure be taken to secure payment for lighting private Lamps.

Samuel Torbert
June 29th 1807 R. Strong.
Selah Strong
J. Morton

Ordered that the foregoing report be confirmed.

*Resolved that a Bond be issued to Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker, payable in two years, under the direction of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, for the amount of the damages and compensation assessed to them for ground taken for Canal Street, provided that a clause be inserted in such bond allowing the amount of such sum as shall be assessed against them for opening the said Street, as a credit on the principal of such bond from the date thereof.

Resolved that a Bond be also issued in favour of Messrs Vangiesen and Van Blarcom on the same conditions.

An Application of the Comptroller on the subject of Hamilton Square was read and ordered to lie over.

[45] †Ordered that the Conditions of Sale of said square be entered on the Minutes.

Conditions

of Sale of the lands commonly called the Dove lots, belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, situate within the ninth Ward of the said City.

1. The said Lots, as designated on the map, shall be set up at public auction seperately, and struck off to the highest bidder.

2. Each purchaser shall pay down one tenth part of the purchase money for the lot purchased by him, and shall pay one half of the residue, at the end of three, and the other half at the end of six calendar months, with interest from the day of sale.

3. As soon as the purchase money is fully paid, the purchasers shall receive deeds for the lots, which they respectively have bought, conveying the same to them respectively in fee simple; but subject to a perpetual ground rent of twenty bushels of wheat for each lot, payable annually on the first day of May in each year.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 98.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 356.*—Ed.

4. That the deeds shall bind the parties purchasing not to build more than one dwelling house on each lot, during twenty years to come, and that the dwelling houses so to be built shall be on a line twenty feet back from the [46] line of the Street, and fronting the square laid out on the said lands.

5. That the deeds for the said lots shall also contain sufficient covenants for the title of the vendors, and that the lots are respectively free from encumbrances. And on the other hand, they shall contain a clause of re-entry, if the rent is behind above twelve months whether it has been demanded or not.

6. The square designated upon the map, shall be for the exclusive benefit of the purchasers and the avenues leading to it shall remain forever as public avenues and Streets, for the convenience and ornament of the city; but the square shall be enclosed by such fence and be otherwise improved as a majority of the purchasers shall, from time to time, think proper, at their expence, to which they shall proportionally contribute. But no buildings of any kind shall ever be erected thereon. A proper clause shall be inserted in the said deeds to give effect to this article. And

7. That the square designated on the map for a church and Academy, shall forever be reserved for and appropriated to that purpose.

We do hereby certify, that has purchased lot Number of the above mentioned lots for the sum of and that he has paid us ten per cent of the purchase money, agreeably to the above conditions.

[47] Resolved that the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward be authorized to cause the road near the Powder house to be repaired and to provide hand rails for the security of travellers.

The City Inspector, in behalf of the Street Commissioner, reported Assessments for regulating White Street between Broadway and Chapel Street and for Walker Street between Broadway and Church Street, which were confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Clerk reported an Ordinance for building Piers into the Hudson river at the foot of Jay Street and Partition Street which was passed, and ordered to be published for six weeks, agreeably to Law, in the papers employed by this Board

*Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 276.*—Ed.

City of New York in Common Council convened, this 29th day of June 1807. That a good and Substantial Pier composed of three blocks and three Bridges, together with a return Pier or L sixty feet in length the whole to be thirty feet wide at top and bottom and making a distance of One hundred and eighty feet, be sunk from the South side of Partition Street into the Hudson river.

And be it further Ordained, that one other [48] good and substantial Pier, composed of Three Blocks and Three Bridges, together with a return Pier or L sixty feet in length the whole to be thirty feet wide at top and bottom, and making a distance of One hundred and eighty feet be sunk at the north side of Jay Street into the Hudson river.

And be it further ordained that the said Piers be commenced on or before the twelfth day of August next and be furnished without delay: and that the said piers be completed in a good and workmanlike manner, with faced sides above half tide, in the manner they are done at the Battery and Peck slip; and that they are to be securely connected with the several wharves; any thing herein before to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Ordained, That the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty will contribute their proportion towards the expences of the said piers agreeably to law, and that Aldermen Selah Strong, Jacob Leroy, and Roger Strong, be a Committee to unite with the several proprietors to consult upon the best methods of effecting the objects of this ordinance, and to sign any contracts or agreements they may agree upon in behalf of this Board.

[49] The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from Nº 3404. to 3422 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that the Alderman and Assistant of the ward give directions to the Superintendant of repairs to fix barriers and hand rails in such Streets whilst under repair, where, in their opinion, it may be necessary for the safety of passengers.

The Comptroller reported that according to the Treasurer's return there was in the Treasury..... $11.332.89

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House for $2000.

And in favour of the Building Committee for $2000.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 15.

James Gillard vice Hays Pennel. resigned.
William Simpson v. Arthur Burtis
John Hitchcock v. Abraham I. Brower
Matthew Vanderhoof v. William Ball

N° 8.

Sewell Dodge v. John E. Ruckle.

[50] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant to pay

N° 121	Capt Nicholas Lawrence for City Watch		$237.16
122	William Van Wart	d°	237.16
123	Magnus Beekman	d°	217.56
124	John Farrington	d°	217.56
125	Charles Van Orden	d°	178.56
126	Jacob Hays	d°	178.56
127	James Horner, repairs of Pumps & Wells		155.86
128	Alexander Morton, Carting for Supt of repairs		85.50
129	Joseph Brotherton, Marshals attending to Sunday law		56.
130	Joseph Boyd. carting for Supt of repairs		109.12
131	Daniel Davis, repairs to pumps		24.
132	William Bridges, Surveyors fees		36.50
133	Mark McCammon, for labour		188.
134	Proprietors' of Morning Chronicle, advertising		10.47
135	Lang & Turner	d°	10.
136	Adolphus Loss—Surveyor's fees		43.
137	Lewis Ford, work at Flymarket		14.50
138	James Hogan, paving intersections of Streets		12. 3
139	John H. Sickles, for acct of Building Comme		2000.
140	Richard Furman, Supt of Alms House		2000.
141	George Gosman, Referrees fees for Cortland St		6.
142	Jacob Morton, on acct of Commr for laying out streets & roads		500.

[51] In Common Council. July 6th 1807

Present Marinus Willet, Esquire Mayor

Selah Strong	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John W. Mulligan	Assistants
Jacob Mott		Gerard Depeyster	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Demarest	
Jacob Leroy		Andrew Morris	
Wynant Van Zandt, Junr		Benjamin Haight	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
Roger Strong		John Hopper, Junr	
John P. Ritter		Robert Bogardus	
		Samuel Torbert.	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that John Morgan and John Field, Watchmen of Captain Beekmans Company, were suspended

for sleeping on their post, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

*Resolved that Peter Aymar be prohibited from building at the corner of Washington and Cortlandt Street, beyond the old line in Washington [52] Street.

A Petition of the Butchers in Greenwich Market remonstrating against two persons selling meats at the State prison, was read and referred to the Market Committee with power to give such directions as they may think proper.

The following report was read.

†In pursuance of a reference to us made by the Common Council contained in the Street Commissioners representation to the Board of the 15th Ulto we beg leave to report That the property of the Lots in Broadway and the Bowery, which have been paid for according to Law, is vested in the Corporation, and that therefore the Board can proceed to obtain possession by ejectment, or may legally remove the obstructions that interfere with the use for which the ground has been purchased. The latter is the most expeditious mode of proceeding; but before it is resorted to, we think a written notice should be given to the late owners that they remove their buildings and fences by a certain day, or that the Corporation will be under the necessity of having them prostrated and the street laid open.

New York. July 6th 1807

Rich: Harison
Isaac A. Van Hook.

[53] Whereupon Ordered that the Attorney of this Board give a written notice to the late owners of the ground for opening Broadway to remove the buildings and fences thereon, forthwith, or, in case of default, that he together with the Street Commissioner cause the same to be prostrated.

A Communication from James Y. Watson complaining that the wharf in front of the Stores belonging to his fathers estate at the Old Slip was so much out of repair as to injure the Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to enquire whether said estate be not compelled by its grant to repair the wharf.

A petition for a pump in Mulberry Street between Prince and Broome Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Letter from Henry Hammond complaining that George McKay

* Marginal note reads *See P. 42.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 9. 10.*—ED.

has not complied with the Ordinance for filling up his vacant lot, was read; whereupon,

Ordered that on the expiration of the Ordinance, the Attorney of this board prosecute for the penalty.

A Petition of John Parkhoff praying to be licenced as a Butcher, was read and referred to [54] the Market Committee.

A Petition of several proprietors, affected thereby, against the present regulation for paving Oak street, from Roosevelt to James Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A Report of the Street Commissioner respecting the regulating and paving Greenwich Street, from Hester to Brannon Street, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

An Ordinance, reported by the Street Commissioner for paving Greenwich Street from Hetty to Brannon Street, and for regulating and partially paving said Street from Brannon Street to the present pavement was passed, and William W. Gilbert, Peter H. Wendover, Gilbert Coutant, William Chiviers and George Clealand were appointed Assessors.

*A Report of the Street Commissioner on an Application to repair the Wharf at Brannon Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

A Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of Cornelius J. Bogert and others to regulate Collect Street, recommending that a precept be issued agreeably to law was confirmed.

†The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for removing a House in Chamber St [55] which was confirmed, and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Henry Street from Charlotte to Rutgers Street, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

‡The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Romaine praying for a road across the island from Hellgate ferry to the North river, Reported that the powers of this Board in relation to this subject having been surrendered to Commissioners who are legally invested with competent authority to regulate the same, it is inexpedient for this Board to interfere, which was confirmed.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 64.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 4. 78. 137. 165. 170.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 37.*—Ed.

*The City Inspector in behalf of the Street Commissioner, reported an Ordinance for building a bulkhead into the East river for the purpose of making Corlaer Street between Cherry Street and Grand Street, which was passed.

A Petition of John Emlech butcher to be permitted to resign his stall N° 21. Flymarket and to be granted Stall N° 1. in the new market erecting at Duane Street Basin, which was referred to the Market Committee.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the inhabitants of Rockland proprietors of quarries and others, praying the appointment [56] of Inspectors of building stone, together with a former Resolution of this Board to consider the subject, Reported the draft of a Law for the appointment of Inspectors of Brick and Building Stone and to regulate the inspection, sale & cartage of the same, which was read and ordered to remain in the Clerk's Office for the inspection of the Members of this Board.

The City Inspector reported that Walter Bowne had not complied with the Ordinance for filling up his vacant lots and fencing them in and that new Ordinances for the like purpose were presented.

Ordered that the same do pass and that the Attorney of the Board prosecute for the penalty of the Ordinances which have expired.

The City Inspector reported draft of Ordinances for raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from N° 3423. to 3436 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

A Communication of the Comptroller respecting objections raised by some of the purchasers of Inclenberg lots against paying for the same until certain streets were opened, was referred to Alderman Wood, Alderman Mott and M^r^ Morris.

[57] The Comptroller reported that he had repeatedly called on George M^c^Kay for payment of his Bond to the Corporation for $1270.95. to no effect.

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board send a written notice to said M^c^Kay, demanding payment of said Bond, within one month, and in case of default to prosecute for the same.

A request of M^r^ Cowdrey late Attorney of the Board to the Comptroller to know whether Henry Stanton was to pay the costs of suit against him, or not, was read; Whereupon Ordered that Henry Stan-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 9. 27. See P. 304.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 2.*—ED.

ton pay said costs or that the Resolution in favour of withdrawing the suit against him be rescinded.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Nicholas Mead for $16.12½ for refreshments furnished the Inspectors of the 2d Ward at the late election.

Ordered that the Assessment for Broadway* be confirmed and that Lewis Angevine be appointed Collector.

Ordered that Warrant N° 129 issued in favour of Joseph Brotherton be cancelled and that another warrant be issued in favour of the [58] Comptroller to pay the Marshals employed in executing the Sunday law.

†Resolved that his Honour the Mayor be requested to desire His Excellency Governor Daniel D. Tompkins, to permit Colonel Trumbull to take his portrait for the use of this Corporation.

Resolved that James Morris belonging to Fire engine Company, N° 11. be permitted to join such Company as he may think proper and of which he may be elected a member.

Resolved that John Furman be appointed joint Collector of Assessments for Streets with Waters Furman.

Ordered that the Comptroller and Clerk provide a copy of a Chart of the Port and Harbour of New York, made by Captain Isaac Chauncey and Charles Loss in the year 1798.

‡The subject relating to the Petition of William Thomas was called up and after some discussion

Resolved that said Petition be referred to Aldermen, Ritter, Mott and R. Strong to report a statement of facts.

The Comptroller reported that agreeably [59] to the Treasurer's return there is a ballance in the Treasury of $5980.$^{75}/_{100}$.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Fire Engine Company. N° 2.

Michael Ryer, cabinetmaker 42 Bowery
v. George Lord, joined another Compy

N° 4.

Joseph Skelton, earthenware Mercht 415. Greenwich
v. Thomas S. Townsend resigned

William Roberts, Hatter 47. Maiden lane. v. Moses Hains do

Thomas Stillwell, Carpenter, 8. Chesnut Street v. Thomas Bruen do

* Marginal note reads *opening to Bowery.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 61.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 15 34 67.*—Ed.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No 141	McDonald & Burt, repairs to Pumps			$189.51
142	John Pintard. City Inspector—Salary			312.50
143	Edward Moran. Assist to St Commr			52.
144	James Hardie, Salary &ca			71.
145	William M. Summers, Inspect of Bread salary			90.70
146	Andrew Leary, for drains at Beekman Slip	15.71		
147	do	99.75		
148	do	105.		
149	do	13.50		
150	do	25.50		
				259.50
[60] 151	Caleb Archer, plank for Alms House			40.50
152	James Horner, allowe for Pump in Harman St			22.
153	Jacob Morton, Comptroller—Salary			250.
154	Nicholas Carmer, Supt of repairs—vizt for drains in Streets &c	73.12		
155	" repairs to Engine Houses	99.81		
156	" " Gaol	65.21		
157	" " Markets	43.50		
158	" " City Hall	45.25		
159	" " Wells	7.25		
160	" Salary	52.		
				386.14
161	Nicholas Mead, for refreshment furnished Inspectors of 2d Ward			16.12½
162	Jacob Morton, for Marshals attending execution of Sunday law, in lieu of Warrt No 129. to Joseph Brotherton for same purpose, cancelled			56.

[61] In Common Council. July. 13th 1807.

Present Marinus Willett Esq. Mayor.
Maturine Livingston Esq. Recorder.

Selah Strong, Jacob Mott, Roger Strong, Jacob Leroy. Thurston Wood, John P. Ritter, John D. Miller — Esquires Aldermen.

Messrs John Hopper, Junr, Gerard Depeyster, Benjamin Haight, Stephen Ludlam, Andrew Morris, Thomas Demarest, Samuel Torbert, Robert Bogardus. — Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*The Mayor informed the Board that he had received a Letter from His Excellency Governor Tompkins, expressing his sentiments of the honour conferred on him by their resolution of the 6th inst.

*Marginal note reads *See P. 58.*—Ed.

And that he would sit for his Portrait whenever it would be convenient to Col. Trumbull.

[62] A Report from the Police Office that Henry Storms of Cap[t] Hays Company and John Johnson of Cap[t] Beekmans Company were suspended for sleeping on their posts, and that Isaac Boyce of Cap[t] Farrington's Company was also suspended for being drunk, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of William Hall, confined at the suit of the Corporation for Bastardy, was read and referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Norfolk and Division Streets for a pump and well was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7[th] Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of the inhabitants of North and Elizabeth Streets, for a well and pump was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8[th] Ward, with like power.

A Letter from Abraham Stagg, requesting that Richard Clarkson might be appointed in his place to collect the monies due for regulating Streets to him and others, of which John Bussing was formerly Collector, was read

Ordered that Richard Clarkson be appointed Collector accordingly.

*A Petition of William Gibson to be appointed [63] to a stand in the new market at Duane Street Basin, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Decker to be appointed Inspector of Wood was read and ordered to lie on the table.

†A Memorial of Abraham Cannon respecting an Ordinance directing him to fill and make Broome Street at Corlaers Hook was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7[th] Ward and the Street Commissioner.

‡A Letter from William Lawrence respecting his claim to one half of Dover Street, between Water Street and Front Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4[th] Ward and Street Commissioner.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner cause the property of this Board in Washington Street, between Partition and Vesey Street to be completely filled up with pure and wholesome earth.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 296.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 94.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 312. Vol. 19. P. 81.*—ED.

A Petition of the Butchers in Hudson Market against young men being permitted to sell small meats on benches in said market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Ward and James Willie praying to be allowed further time to remove manure, deposited by them in the vicinity of [64] Hetty Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward with power to grant their request if reasonable.

A Petition of Anthony Jones respecting the regulation of Thomson Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

*A Petition of William Rich and others respecting the regulation of White Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Representation of Christopher Halsted Foreman of the Hook and Ladder Fire Company No 2. setting forth that the Ladders belonging to said Company have been taken without their knowledge or consent, and used by persons in the employment of the Superintendant of repairs was read: Whereupon

Ordered that no person be allowed to take or make use of any implements belonging to the Fire department, except said department, without permission of this Board.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner in favour of the petition of Joseph Watkins and others praying that the wharf at Brannon Street might be repaired, Reported in confirmation thereof.

[65] Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs cause the same to be done.

‡A proposition of Samuel Jones Junr respecting the payment of the damages assessed to him for opening Canal Street was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Report of the City Inspector in behalf of the Street Commissioner inclosing an Assessment for regulating Mulberry Street from Grand to Broome Streets, was read and confirmed.

||A Report of the City Inspector in behalf of the Street Commissioner inclosing an Ordinance for paving Oak Street, from Roosevelt to James Street, was read, the Ordinance passed and John Abeel, Nehemiah Allen, Eliakim Ford, David Stebbins and Stephen Sell were appointed Assessors.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 78.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 64.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 272.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 137.*—ED.

A Report of the City Inspector in behalf of the Street Commissioner presenting an Account of Hugh Brice and C° for carting earth to fill the Collect, and of Thomas Anderson for issuing tickets and levelling the same, recommending that the same be paid, and that the said Brice & C° be employed to cart more earth on the same terms, 5 cents per load, for the same purpose was read.

Warr^t N° 181. Warr^t N° 182. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Hugh Brice & C° for $186.45. and another in [66] favour of Thomas Anderson for $21.75. And that the City Inspector be authorized to contract for the delivery of 3000 loads more of earth at the rate of 5 cents ℔ load.

A Report of the City Inspector in behalf of the Street Commissioner, in favour of paying Philip Kraushr, on acc^t of blasting the rock in Manhattan Avenue, between the 4^th & 5^th Mile Stones was read.

Warr^t N° 184 Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of said Kraushr for $350.

A Communication from the City Inspector representing the propriety of making an advance to the Contractor for digging out Broadway from Great Jones Street 350 feet towards Art Street, was read and agreed to.

The City Inspector represented that the Watch boxes in the Streets were obnoxious, during the Summer season, to the inhabitants in their vicinity.

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs cause them to be removed to the Bridewell yard.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sundry lots and correcting other nuisances from N° 3434 to N° 3446. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Warr^t N° 185. [67] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Justus Dearman, on account of the Pier at Burling Slip for $1000.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Ferguson relative to the opening [of] Washington Street

Reported that James Donaldson be directed to remove his fence and stable off said street.

†The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Duggan relative to M^r Blackwell setting up a building in the rear of his lot fronting on Broadway, contiguous to the alley of said Duggan.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 38.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 19.*—ED.

Reported that the Corporation have no right to interfere; which was confirmed.

The following Report was received and read

*The Committee to whom it was referred to report a state of facts relative to the claim of William Thomas, for a water grant on the East river at the foot of Scammel Street in front of his Lots

Report that from the annexed extracts from the minutes of the Common Council, it will appear that Mr Thomas has no claim [68] upon the Corporation for such grant, from any stipulations entered into by the Board at any time heretofore: That the question of Grant to him or not, as prayed for, is now merely a question of expediency. Your Committee regretting that, by some mistake or inadvertence a grant so extensive has passed to Doctor Romayne, are of opinion that in the present case a grant ought not to be made to Mr Thomas, for any ground or land under water, west of the line of the easterly side of Scammel Street, and that all the ground west of that line, as it may be extended southwardly into the said river, to wit, of the breadth of about feet ought to be reserved for public uses, and particularly for the extension of Scammel Street and the accommodation of the public basin there. Your Committee are however of opinion that Mr Thomas ought to be reimbursed or otherwise compensated for monies laid out by him for improvements there made and for assessments paid by him—And that proper enquiry be made, to the end that such sums of money may be ascertained and adjustment made with Mr Thomas: And that upon such adjustment being made Mr Thomas receive a grant of the water right for the ground or Lots laying on the easterly [69] side of the said line of Scammel Street, as it may be extended into the said river.

13th July. 1807.

Jno P. Ritter
Jacob Mott
Roger Strong.

1793 June 17. "The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board, viz[t] The Committee who have been charged to point out the most convenient and proper place on the East river to be reserved for a public bason or landing place, having viewed all the lands between Corlaer's Hook and those belonging to Col. Rutgers at low water taking into their view not only the rocks but also the current of the tide. And on mature deliberation conceive it their duty to report that

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 16 P. 428. also. P. 15. 34. 58. 79. 84. 86.*—Ed.

the land under water between Montgomery Street and the wharf of Thomas Ivers being four hundred and thirty four and an half feet as laid down on a map on said East river in front of the lands belonging to Doctor Romayne, George Janeway and others as the most proper for the aforesaid purpose."

John Campbell
Garret Harsen
Anthy Post.

1793. October 1st "A Petition of Doctor Nicholas Romayne for the soil between Front Street and high watermark in front of his land at Corlaers Hook was read and rejected." [70]

1795 June. 1. "Ordered that Thomas Ivers be appointed to take charge and possession on behalf of this board of the soil and water at Corlaer's Hook reserved for a public bason to permit persons to use and occupy the same under his directions and to demand and receive such pay for the use thereof as shall from time to time be agreed upon between him and such occupant and that he be allowed the one half of the monies which shall arise in the premises for his services, the residue to be paid into the Treasury for the use of this Board."

1802. August 19 "The Petitions of Doctor Romayne and William Thomas were severally read, praying permission to improve water lots from their land near Corlaer's hook were referred to the Street Commissioner."

1803. March 28 "An Application from William Thomas for the grant of water lots in front of his property near Corlaer's hook was received and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner."

1803. April 25 "The Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom was referred the petition [71] of William Thomas Report that the prayer of the petitioner be granted reserving Scammel Street to be continued fifty feet wide from Water Street into the river and also reserving Front and South Streets their usual breadth—All which is submitted"

April 18. 1803.

Selah Strong.
Joseph Browne.

1804 May. 14 "A petition of William Thomas for a water grant opposite his property at Corlaer's Hook was received and referred to Alderman Minthorne, the Comptroller and Street Commissioner."

1804 May 21. "The Committee, Reported that having examined the situation of the ground they are of opinion it would be very inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner and therefore beg leave to recommend that the same be rejected."

Mangle Minthorne
Joseph Browne
Selah Strong.

"Ordered that the said report be confirmed and the prayer of the "said Petition rejected accordingly."

Ordered that this Report lie over for consideration.

[72] Alderman R. Strong, Mott, Ritter & Mr Bogardus were appointed a Committee to examine into the water grant made to Doctor Nicholas Romayne.

A certificate, according to law, was presented by David Coles that he had lost 2. Fire buckets at the late fire in Greenwich Street between Chambers & Reed Streets.

Warrt No 183. Ordered that the usual warrant on the Treasurer be issued in his favour.

His Excellency Governor Tompkins called on the Common Council and communicated the wishes of General Dearborne Secretary at War, now in this city, respecting a cession of ground at the Battery and Duane Street Basin for the purpose of erecting fortifications for the defence of the town and harbour.

On His Excellency's retiring, the following resolution was passed.

Resolved that this Board will cheerfully cede to the United States such parts of the public grounds at the Battery and at the Basin at Duane Street, or elsewhere, within their jurisdiction, with their right of soil under [73] water, or elsewhere within their jurisdiction, as the Secretary at War may deem necessary for erecting fortifications for the defence of this city.

Alderman S. Strong, Mott, Miller, Mr Bogardus and the Comptroller were appointed a Committee to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

Resolved that the several Captains of the night watch be directed to make a return of the number of men under their command with their names, occupations, age and places of birth, to the Watch Committee with all convenient speed.

Ordered that the City Inspector appoint a Referree on the part of this Board to settle the damages due Mrs Lynch for her property taken for improving Magazine Street.

Warrt No 186. Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to receive the dividend due on the Manhattan Stock, and that a warrant be issued in his favour to discharge the interest due on the Bonds of this Board to the Manhattan Company.

The Comptroller reported that agreeably to the Treasurers return there was in the Treasury the sum of $8446.14.

[74] David Marsh was appointed a Firewarden for the 8th Ward, in the place of Samuel Osborne removed out of the Ward.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 2.

John J. Smith, Upholsterer, v. Jordan Downing, joined another Company.

No 11.

Solomon Schureman, v. Daniel Lawrence, resigd

No 14

Lawrence McDermott, v. George Giffing do

No 19.

Richard Van Voorhis, v. Leonard Kline, joined. 32.

New Engine Company at Corlaers Hook.

Thomas Timpson	David Cannon	Benjamin Hill
Samuel Hopkins	Peter Van Colt	Jonathan Lownsbury
Coles Dean.	William Powell	Isaac Halsey.
Thomas Winship		

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No 163.	Capt. Nicholas Lawrence City Watch		$237.16
[75]164.	Capt William Van Wart, City Watch		237.16
165.	Magnus Beekman	do	217.56
166.	John Farrington	do	217.56
167.	Jacob Hays	do	178.36
168	Charles Van Orden	do	178.36
169	Edward Watkeys for candles		11. 5
170	Buchan & Clarke, timber for docks		133.19
171	do	do for Engine Houses	71.76

N° 172	Matthew Banks—Ironwork for pumps	$31.32
173	Peter Clark. flannel for Cartridges for 4th July	8.79
174	J. & T. Scheifflin Powder for d°	52. "
175	Matthew Dyckman—repairs to pumps	110. 9
176.	H. C. Southwick for printing	68.75
177	Thos P. Conray, Transporting Brass Ordnance to & from Arsenal....4th July	36.87
178	John Yonje, attending d° on battery	7. "
179	Bartholemew Skaats, ringing bells—4th July	24. "
180	John Pintard to discharge expences of public entertainment on 4th July	573.84
181.	Hugh Brice & C° for filling in Collect	186.45
182	Thomas Anderson, for work at d°	21.75
183	David Cole for 2 lost Fire buckets	4. "
184	Philip Kraushr, for blasting rock in Manhattan avenue....	350.
185	Justus Dearman, on acct of pier at Burling Slip	1000.
186.	Jacob Morton, to discharge Int due Manhattan C°	3500.

[76] In Common Council, July. 20. 1807.

Present Marinus Willet Esquire Mayor

Selah Strong.	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Samuel Torbert	Assistants.
Jacob Mott		Jacob Demarest	
Roger Strong		Gerard Depeyster	
Jacob Leroy		Benjamin Haight	
Wynant Van Zandt, Junr		Andrew Morris	
John P. Ritter		Stephen Ludlam.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An Application of Alexander Gifford to make a vault before his lot in Warren Street was granted under the inspection of the Street Commissioner.

An application of John Mildollar stating that he was overrated in an assessment for regulating Grand Street, near Corlaers Hook, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

[77] A Memorial of Abraham Polhemus and others representing that Richard Cunningham had encroached, in erecting his house, on the corner of Cliff and Ferry Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Merkel and Francis White Junr butchers, to exchange Stalls N° 10. Hudson market, and N° 2. Greenwich Market was granted.

An Application of John Rivington to assign his Lease of Common lands to James Heard was agreed to.

A representation of James Hardie concerning a sunken lot N°

95. Chapel Street belonging to John Wilson an Absentee, for raising which an Ordinance was passed which is unfulfilled, to the injury of the adjoining premises, and recommending that said Lot be filled at the expence of this board to operate as a lien on the property, was agreed to.

The appointment of William Peters, by the Fire Engineers, to be collector of Fines on account of the Fire department, in the place of David Saffen resigned, was confirmed.

The City Inspector, in behalf of the Street [78] Commissioner recommended that a warrant be passed in favour of Gershom Anson for $200. on account of David Street which was ordered.

*The City Inspector in behalf of the Street Commissioner represented an error in the Assessment for removing a house in Chamber Street.

Ordered that said Assessment be set aside, and that the same Assessors rectify the error, and make a new Assessment.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from N° 3447. to N° 3459. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following Report was read and Confirmed.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Rich and others relative to the regulation of White Street

Report that they have examined the said Street and the situation of the House thereon, and finding that by making a little [79] more and rapid descent in the upper part of the Street and a little less in the lower part of it, the relief desired by the petitioners will in a great measure be obtained, and without any material injury to the Street. Your Committee recommend to M^r Brydges the Surveyor to regulate the said Street so as to give such relief.

All which is submitted.

July. 20. 1807. R. Strong.
Thomas Demarest.

Ordered that a Warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of John H. Sickles on account of the Building Committee for $2500.

Ordered that a Warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of Jacob Cholwell on account of his contract for lighting the public lamps for $2000.

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* Marginal note reads *See. P. 54. 137. 165. 170.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 64.*—ED.

*The Report of the Committee on the Petition of William Thomas was called up and after some discussion the further consideration was postponed.

†Alderman R. Strong gave notice that he would call up said report on Monday next.

The following persons were appointed [80] Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies, viz[t]

New Fire Engine Company at Greenwich Village.

Matthew Schultz. Foreman.	James Angevine
James Voorhees.	Adolph Brower
Cornelius Ryder	John Van Buskirk
Robert Gedney	A. Woodworth
James Powles	John Matlack
Jacob Parsel	Thomas Bush
William Cahoon	James North
William Van Wart	Ezekiel Boardman
Absalom Crawford	Ezra Rogers
John Letson	James Blacklidge
Samuel Davis.	John Traphagen.

N° 3.

William Cargill, vice William J. Roome, resigned.
Robert Curtis. v. John Rutzer d°

N° 11.

John Devoe. v. David Cargill. d°

N° 15.

Robert Dodge, painter. v. Adam Hartell. d°
Valentine Luff, Grocer. v. Thomas Burtis. d°
Harman Shatzell, Shoemaker, v. Gideon Curtang d°
Michael Vermilya, Painter, v. Richbill Mott. d°

N° 17.

James Cox, Blockmaker, v. Elijah Harris. remov'd.
James Calvin d° v. Evert Bush. resign'd.

N° 30.

Casper Semler v. John R. Fisher d°

[81] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 187.	Jacob Dela Montagnie	Special Justice of Police	Salary.....		$250.
188	Joshua Barker	d°	d°	d°	239.94
189	Bernard O'Blenis,	Clerk to d°.....			250.

*Marginal note reads *See. P. 67.*—Ed.
†Marginal note reads *See P. 84.*—Ed.

N° 190	Charles Mooney, paving Corporation dock at Hudson market	$42.64
191	George Gosman & John Macomb, paving intersection of Streets	459.55
192	James Horner, repairing Wells	202.62
193	Gershom Anson, on acct of digging out David Street	200. "
194	John H. Sickles, on acct of Building Committee	2500.
195	Jacob Cholwell, on acct of Public lamps	2000.

[82] In Common Council. July 27th 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esquire Mayor.
Maturine Livingston, Esquire Recorder.

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Thomas Demarest	Assistants.
Selah Strong		Stephen Ludlam	
Thurston Wood		Gerard Depeyster	
Jacob Leroy		Samuel Torbert	
John P. Ritter		John Hopper Junr	
John D. Miller		Robert Bogardus	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Jacob Bevelin of Capt Farringtons watch was suspended for being drunk and sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Report of Capt Hays that he had suspended Abraham D. Lent, Watchman for sleeping on his post and recommending William Simpkins, a substitute, to be appointed in his [83] place, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of George D. Coeper and others complaining that the drain in Water Street from Gouverneur's Alley is obstructed, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Proposal of L. Gliese respecting sweeping Chimnies, in this city, by contract was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Communication from the Attorney of the Board inclosing the draft of a Law supplemental to the Law for the due observance of the Lord's day called Sunday and to repeal the 3d section of said Law, was read, and the supplementary Law passed.*

A representation of the City Inspector respecting the providing accommodations for the City Watch, over the new market at present erecting at Duane Basin, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

†A Petition of Mary Hazen for the renewal of a Lease of the Lots N° 114 & 115. Chatham Street, was referred to the Comptroller.

* Marginal note reads *Vide. Laws. Page. 20.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346. 357.*—Ed.

*A Petition of Peter Chapel Butcher to be allowed to sell meat at the upper part of the Bowery was referred to the Market Committee.

[84] A Petition of Jane Smiley to be relieved from an Assessment for removing a House in Warren Street was referred to the Comptroller.

†A Petition. of Daniel Winship and others for regulating Sixth Street, between Delancey and Rivington Streets, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

‡A Communication from William Thomas requesting a postponement of any decision respecting his Petition till his health would permit his attendance on the Board was on a division rejected as follows

Affirmative	Negative	
Alderman S. Strong	Alderman Mott	Mr Demarest
Leröy	Wood	Ludlam
Mr Depeyster.	Ritter	Torbert
	Miller	Hopper

A Petition of Benjamin Case Junr praying remission of a Fine for contravening (without intention of fraud) the Law respecting Inspection of Flour, was read

[85] Whereupon Ordered that such portion of said Fine as comes to this Board be remitted.

A Communication of James Hardy respecting the carting of fresh earth, by order of Alderman Van Zandt, to cover Flymarket Slip lately filled in, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner, with directions to cause the same to be completed.

||A Petition of David Cannon, praying that Lewis Street, between Grand and Broome Streets may be regulated, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Watch Committee were directed to station a Watchman at the door of His Excellency Governor Tompkins, during his stay in this city.

§Resolved that the Assessment for Beekman Slip be set aside and that a new Assessment be made. Isaac Burr, John Depeyster, Henry TenBrook, Samuel Prince and John H. Sickles were appointed Assessors.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 167.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 96.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16 P. 428 P. 67. 79. 86.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 96.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 137.*—Ed.

*Resolved that the Report of the Attorney of this Board on the 22d June, containing a verdict of the Jury for damages for opening Cross Street from little Water Street to Magazine [86] Street be confirmed and that the Street Commissioner be directed to present an Ordinance for the purpose of raising the money mentioned in said verdict.

Resolved that the Committee, appointed to confer with the Secretary at War, be authorized to call on Colonel Williams and to request him to furnish with all possible despatch, a plan for fortifying the Narrows, with an estimate of the probable expence.

†The Report of the Committee on the Petition of William Thomas was called up, and after discussion was confirmed.

Mr Bogardus gave notice that he should, at the next meeting, move for a reconsideration of the preceding subject.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances, from No 3460 to No 3494. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Comptroller reported that agreeably to the returns from the Treasurer, there is now in the Treasury a ballance of [87].....	$4615.43
Received since report.....	1128.33
	5743.76
In the hands of the Collector.....	800.
Cash at Command.....	6543.76

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House for, One Thousand Dollars.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of William Ray, on account of Manhattan ville road for One hundred & Fifty Dollars.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 8.

Thomas Monilaws, Grocer, v. James Gillerd resign'd

No 9.

William B. Van Nortwick, Grocer. v. Jacob Bradford. do
Cornelius Van Cleef, do v. Alexr Saunders. do

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 19. 97.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 67. &ca*—Ed.

N° 10.

Cornelius Cisco. v. Joseph Clark. non attending
James Webster. v. John Brown. resigned
Abraham Cromb. v. William Simpson. d°
Richard H. Kitchaner. v. Lodowick Harpel. d°
Philip C. Terrel. v. George Lord. d°

[88] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N°		
196.	Cap^{t} Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	$237.16
197.	" William Van Wart, d°	237.16
198.	" Magnus Beekman d°	217.56
199.	" John Farrington d°	217.56
200.	" Charles Van Orden d°	178.36
201	" Jacob Hays d°	178.36
202.	Patrick Hamilton, stone for paving Corpor^{n} dock	35.43
203.	Joseph Boyd, for filling well in Broadway	21.25
204.	Peter Burtsell, tax books for Assessors	88.77
205.	d° Books for taking Census, & Stationary	111. 7
206.	John E. Giller, Marshals executing Sunday law	72.
207.	William Kay, repairing Well at Flymarket	9.
208.	d° d° Wells and pumps	142.68
209.	John Connor, allow^{e} for well & pump in Spring S^{t}	21.
210.	Oliver Waldron. Work on public roads	534.68
211	James Myers. d° d°	309.
212.	Henry White, making Index to Com. Coun. minutes	50.
213.	B. C. Stevenson for taking Census, 8th Ward	70.
214.	Aquila Giles d° d°	70.
215	Richard Furman, Sup^{t} of Alms House	1000.
216.	William Ray, acc^{t} of Manhattan ville road	150.

[89] In Common Council. August 4. 1807.

Present Marinus Willett Esquire, Mayor.

Selah Strong	Esquires. Aldermen.	Mess^{rs} Stephen Ludlam	Assistants
Roger Strong		Samuel Torbert	
John P. Ritter		Benjamin Haight	
John D. Miller		Andrew Morris	
Wynant Van Zandt Jun^{r}		Thomas Demarest	
Nicholas Fish.		John Hopper Jun^{r}	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that John Woodruff of Cap^{t} Van Ordens Company and Paul Green of Cap^{t} Farringtons Company were suspended for sleeping on their posts was referred to the Watch Committee.

The death of Capt Magnus Beekman on the 28th Ult° of the 2d district City Watch was also reported.

[90] A Memorial of William Wilcocks stating that he had been assessed, for more ground than what he owned, for regulating Grand Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner

*A Petition of the inhabitants in Vesey Street, praying that Auctioneers may be prohibited from holding sales at Auction in said Street was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board with instructions to attend to the execution of the Law regulating Sales at Auction.

†A Claim of Potts and Moore for a ballance due them for regulating Mulberry Street from Broome to Prince Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

‡Petitions of John White..... Captain
Abraham Hart ..... d°
Allison Platt .....Foreman
James Snow .....Captain
||William Dennis and.....Foreman
Charles Field ..... d°

severally, to be appointed Captains and Assistants of the 2d District Watch were read and ordered to lie for consideration.

§A Petition of Abraham Childs [91] and others, praying that certain monies paid by them on account of the Assessment for opening Canal Street, which has been set aside, may be refunded; was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

¶A Petition of Lewis Moore, to compel the Proprietors to carry out a pier at Beekman Slip, was read and referred to the Committee on this subject of which Alderman S. Strong is chairman.

**A Petition of William Badeau and others Contractors for digging out Montgomerry Street, complaining of delays of payment for their labour was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Gibson for a butchers licence was read and referred to the Market Committee.

††A Petition of Daniel Huestis for a water grant, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

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*Marginal note reads *See Report P. 167.*—ED. †Marginal note reads *See. Report P 123.*—ED. ‡Marginal note reads *See P. 127.*—ED. ||Marginal note reads *See. P. 131.*—ED. §Marginal note reads *See Report P. 137.*—ED. ¶Marginal note reads *See Report P. 121.*—ED. **Marginal note reads *See Report P. 124.*—ED. ††Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 209.*—ED.

*A Petition of John Ferris to be allowed additional compensation for sweeping the Oswego and Hudson Markets, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Patrick M^cKay and others for a pump and Well in the vicinity of Old [92] Potters Field was read and ordered to lie on the table.

An application of Abel W. Hardenbrook for payment on account of making Fire Engines was read.

Warr^t N° 242. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for Five Hundred Dollars.

An Invitation was presented from the President and Professors of Columbia College to the Corporation to attend their annual Commencement on Wednesday the 5^th instant.

The following Report was read

†The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter A Schenck Report that in their opinion it is proper that the Common Council should provide a suitable place for the accomodation of the Custom House Boats; The Committee therefore recommend that Peter A Schenck should occupy a part of the easterly side of the Southerly pier at the Battery at the head of said pier, as will be sufficient to accommodate the Boats belonging to the Custom House and that this permission continue [93] during the pleasure of the Common Council.

All which is submitted.

Aug^t 4. 1807. Wynant Van Zandt, Jun^r
Andrew Morris

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was read

‡The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Thomas Ten Eyck

Report that M^r Ten eyck as stated in his Memorial has, at considerable expence run out a Pier on the East side of Coenties Slip the wharfage of the interior of which is received exclusively by the Corporation, and is of very considerable amount. That it appears highly probable to your Committee that the wharfage of that part of the Pier which M^r Ten Eyck is entitled to receive, is, as represented by him, rendered of less value by the constant use which is made of the Pier by the vessels lying within the Bason. In addition to this, as the Legislature by their Act passed in 1806. seem to be of opinion that

* Marginal note reads *See Report 167.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 39.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 19. 225. 267.*—ED.

where Piers are to be run out the intention of which are to form Basons whose wharfage is to belong to the Corporation that in such cases it is reasonable the Cor- [94] poration should bear one third of the expence; Your Committee would submit to the Board whether it would not be equitable in this case, that some allowance should be made to Mr Ten Eyck to reimburse him for part of the expences of the Pier.

All which is submitted

Augt 4. 1807

Wynant Van Zandt Junr
Jacob Morton.

Ordered that this Report lie over for consideration.

The following Report was read

*The Committee to whom it was referred to consider and report upon the Petition of Abraham Cannon respecting the situation of the ground in Broome Street opposite his property, having viewed the premises have the honour to Report

That the whole of Broome Street to the present wharf of the said Cannon and Marinus Willett has been regulated, except a sunken space through the center of the street of various widths and depths, more particularly described on the map and profile herewith [95] presented; which hollow or sunken space is conceded on all sides to be a great nuisance inasmuch as the water ebbs and flows into it through the wharf and is a receptacle for filth.

Ordinances passed this Board in 1805 as stated in the memorial as well as others of a recent date, directing this ground to be regulated, but owing to the difficulty of ascertaining the precise quantity of earth to be deposited by the opposite proprietors, nothing effectual has been done.

The remark of Your Memorialist that he has a claim on Mr Willett for damages, Your Committee are of opinion is irrelevant to the present subject and upon which they have no opinion to advance; the reference to them being, as they conceive, intended to point out the best method of correcting the present evil, and to render justice to the contending parties.

Your Committee deem it hardly necessary to remark that if either of the parties commence filling their side of the Street without the other, that the earth so filled in would soon glide over upon the opposite line and that therefore it would be continuing the present opposition to insist upon their doing it [96] individually.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 63.*—Ed.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that it will be most adviseable to direct the Street Commissioner to advertise for proposals for filling up the space to the level of the Streets, and that he together with one or more of the City Surveyors cause a correct survey thereof to be made and apportion the expence thereof between the several proprietors in such manner as they may think just and right.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Aug^{t} 4th 1807. Samuel Torbert
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*A Report of the Street Commissioner in favour of permitting the proprietors of Lots in Sixth Street, between Rivington and Delancey Streets, to regulate the same without the usual formality of assessment was confirmed; And an Ordinance was passed in conformity.

†A Report of the Street Commissioner in favour of the petitions referred to him for regulating Bedlow and Lewis Streets was read and confirmed, an Ordinance [97] passed in conformity, and William Huestis Whitehead Hicks, Ezekiel Bishop, John Youle and Benjamin Thurston, were appointed Assessors.

‡The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance to assess the monies awarded to sundry persons for opening and widening Cross Street, between Magazine Street and Little Water Street, and John Crolius Jun^{r} Oliver Drake, Peter Van Zandt, Matthew Bolmer and Alexander Clark, were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented the propriety of digging out David Street, for the purpose of draining the water from Broadway, to the full extent of 50 feet in width, agreeably to the conditions required by M^{r} Anthony L. Bleecker, which was confirmed.

||The Street Commissioner represented a claim of Peter Dob, for the Ballance due him on account of the bulkhead at Beekman Slip: which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Street Commissioner recommended that $250 be paid Mess^{rs} Stagg and Anson on account of their engagement to
Warr^{t} 243. dig out 350 feet of Broadway above Jones Street [98] which was agreed to, and a warrant ordered to be issued in their favour on the Treasurer for that amount.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for repaving Gold and Ferry Streets

* Marginal note reads *See P. 84.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. p. 350. Vol. 17. P. 85. 331.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 85.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 132.*—Ed.

Ordered that a warrant to compel payment be issued against them.

*The Street Commissioner represented objections on the part of Messrs Miller and Baker respecting the order of the Board to give them a Bond for the amount of damages due them for opening Canal Street, subject to the condition of abating such assessment as may be made for the payment of said damages.

Ordered that several bonds be given to Messrs Miller and Baker for the amount of said damages and that the condition for securing the Assessment aforesaid be expressed in one particular Bond

The Street Commissioner represented that I. Boucker & Co had applied to have the extra wall built by them last summer at Post's Bridge on the Manhattan avenue [99] valued;

Ordered that John McComb Junr be appointed on the part of this Board to estimate the expence.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken Lots and correcting other nuisances from No 3695. to No 3705. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following Report was presented and Read.

The Committee that was appointed to call on his Excellency the Governor for information respecting the State of the Ordinance and Military Stores in this City and to offer him the aid of the Corporation in putting such in compleat repair as are at present unfit for service.

Report That there are Forty 32. Pounders Iron Cannon at the Ordinance Yard, Also Twenty eight 24. Pounders Iron pieces at the same place: these Cannon have carriages provided for them, but they are not mounted nor fixed to the carriages.

[100] There are also Thirteen 24 Pounders Iron pieces on Ellis' island, these are on carriages which however are of bad construction and so much decayed that they may be considered unfit for service. The above mentioned Cannon all belong to the State of New York. The Governor also informed the Committee that he has employed men to fit the carriages to the Guns for immediate service.

In addition to the above there are

5—	18.	pounders	Brass Ordinance
8.	12.	do	
2.	9.	do	
10.	6.	do	
2.	9	inch Howitzers and	
2.	8.	inch Mortars,	

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 44. 135.*—Ed.

in the new Arsenal near the Gaol. These pieces are on travelling carriages and in compleat order.

The United States have lately sent from Philadelphia Twelve 24 Pounders Iron Cannon fixed on travelling carriages which are now in the Arsenal at the Battery and in compleat order. Independent of these there are a number of 2. 3. & 4 Pounders Brass Field Ordinance in the Arsenal in good [101] order.

There are about Three thousand Stands of English muskets in good order, and about the same number of Hamburgh muskets unfit for service. A considerable quantity of Cartridges for the small Arms, are made up and filled in the Arsenal, but there are none of any kind made up for the cannon, there is a large quantity of Powder in the Magazine belonging to the State, also a sufficient quantity of wadding and Ball fitted to the different Calibres of the Cannon.

The Committee further report, that they have received from Colonel Jonathan Williams Engineer to the United States, a report for fortifying the Harbour of New York at the Narrows, with an estimate of the probable expence which is hereby submitted.

Selah Strong
John D. Miller
Robert Bogardus } Comm^e
J. Morton

August. 4th. 1807.

[102] Recapitulation.

40.	32 Pounders	} Iron Ordnance	
41.	24 do	} belonging to State of N. York.	
12.	24. do	do do to .	Ud States.

93. Pieces Iron Ordnance

5.	18. Pounders.	Brass.	Ud States
8.	12. do	do	do
2	9. do	do	New York.
10.	6. do	do	do
2.	9 inch Howitz		Ud States
1	8 inch Mortar		do
1.	8. do do		New York.

Plan
of
Colonel Jonathan Williams
for
Fortifying the Narrows
Between
Long and Staten Islands.

To

Selah Strong Esq[r] Chairman of a Committee of the Corporation of New York.

Fort Columbus. July 20[th] 1807.

Sir

I have received your favour of yesterday, inclosing a resolution of the Corporation [103] dated 27[th] inst. requesting me "to furnish with all possible dispatch a plan for fortifying the Narrows, with an estimate of the probable expence."

Although my official station will not permit me to enter into any engagements respecting plans of defence, without the authority of the Government of the United States, yet I shall with the utmost freedom communicate to you, and through you to the Corporation, every idea that can in my mind relate to a permanent and effectual defence against a maratime force; leaving the execution of the plans, and the means of raising the necessary supplies, to their good judgment and patriotic zeal. In stating the principles upon which as perfect a defence as the nature of the case requires should be founded, I must necessarily include those which influenced the orders I am now acting under, and, believing as I do that to form a correct judgment of the whole, the adopted plan should be known, as well as the reasons for its adoption, I shall go into some detail which, however irrelevant in appearance, is too much connected with your object, and too dependent upon it, to be omitted, consistent with a due regard to perspicuity.

[104] In the late conference between the *Vice-President of the United States, the †Secretary of War and myself, there has been but one sentiment respecting the mode of applying the means in our power, with the best effect: but nothing has been said against a defence at the Narrows, provided we had equivalent funds to depend upon; yet it has been uniformly a settled opinion, that a defence of

* Marginal note reads *George Clinton Esq[r]*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Colonel Henry Dearborne.*—ED.

the Narrows only, would be putting all upon one stake, and probably wasting the zealous and laudable efforts of our citizens, without affording them more than a momentary and perhaps an ideal security.

The propriety of a defence at the Narrows in conjunction with an interior force, is in a striking manner indicated, by the introductory words of my orders. "It being the intention of the general govern-"ment so to fortify the harbour of New York, as will, with the aid "of gunboats, afford a reasonable defence to the citizens and their "property against Ships of War, unaccompanied with any formidable "armament, such as can only be opposed by a superior army; the "following system has been [105] deemed most expedient at present, "with such additions hereafter, as may be thought adviseable, farther "in advance.

The Narrows offer a passage of more than twelve hundred yards in width for any ship that could come over the bar at Sandy Hook; now, every Sailor knows that a dozen ships of the line could, upon an emergency, sail abreast through that passage, with fair wind and tide, and allowing one on each side to be destroyed, ten might surely pass unhurt, in as many minutes, and if there were nothing to encounter afterwards, they would indemnify their losses by the contributions they would exact from the city; hence an ineffectual defence at the Narrows, would only serve to increase these contributions.

Seeing therefore the magnitude of this object, and comparing it with the means provided; also considering the confidence placed in their judgment, the above named Officers naturally reverted to a very plain principle which comes home to all our domestic feelings: let us secure our house first, and then according to our ability, defend our courtyard.

In looking around, it was perceived that the prominent rocks on Governor's island, the [106] point of the Bastion of the old City Battery, and Ellis's island, forming nearly an equilateral triangle; and that the centre of this, offered an intersecting point, which, at the greatest distance from each, would only be about one thousand yards, while it would be difficult to go into either the North or East river, without passing within point blank shot, or between four or five hundred yards, of some one of them. It was also seen that former administrations before, and since the revolution, so highly valued these points, that fortifications have been erected upon or near every one, although time, the great destroyer of all things, has obliterated some of them. It was further considered that the modern improvements of marine batteries, which give double the number of guns on the same horizontal

base, and by multiplying the tiers may give six times the number of the heaviest metal with a bomb-proof security above, rendered the question of combat, a question of floating wooden walls, against impregnable stone walls on shore, with equal power as to celerity of action, number of guns within the same space, and weight of metal.

[107] It is not a very bold assertion to say that no ship that sails on the Ocean would engage on such terms.

In combining all these circumstances it was a matter of great consideration, and of the most consoling confidence to reflect, that we should be aided by gunboats, commanded by brave and experienced Officers. No man of professional knowledge has hitherto ventured an opinion against the efficacy of gun boats in harbour, in shoal water. and on a smooth surface; not one of these conditions have been attended to whenever they have failed, and with these conditions, they have been, and ever will be, formidable. Fifty gun boats scattered along the flats on each side of the channel, would all of them attack an advancing ship forward the fore chains, and if she passed the nearest pair, they might slip their cables and keep in their wake; all this time the advancing ship, instead of escaping, would be just coming into a still more prompt, powerful and intersecting fire, during which she could not attack more than the boat on each side, while all the others would rake her fore and aft.

But the certainty of passage is the great [108] objection, for it seems to be in the opinion of the world almost a settled axiom, that ships will pass batteries in spite of all their force. Why would they pass them? There must surely be a strong motive to encounter such danger? Doubtless to attack more vulnerable points. And this is precisely the reason they would pass the Narrows to attack the defenceless city of New York; as Admiral Duckworth passed the Dardanelles to attack Constantinople, and certainly if there had been no interior defence, the capital of the Sublime Port would have been reduced.

But merely passing the city cannot be an important object, for to put it under contribution, ships must lie there, either at anchor or with the main topsail to the mast; now that, when the proposed batteries shall be completed, cannot be done, and we do not find that it is generally thought advantageous to run the gauntlet for the purpose of running it back again.

Before I close this part of my subject, permit me to notice an objection to these batteries which seems to have made some impression on the minds of the citizens "It brings the battle home to our

doors, [109] within the cries of our wives and children." Will any reflecting mind, not under the excitement of passion, believe this to be the fact? Do invading enemies seek to attack powerful batteries, instead of making depredations where there are none? Will a shore lined with cannon be more inviting to a warlike plunderer, than a shore lined with rich freighted merchantmen, and defenceless, well filled stores? I leave the answer to the dictates of a plain but sound understanding, and as we live in the days of rapacity, rather than in the days of chivalry, I cannot doubt what that answer will be.

I beg pardon for this encroachment on your patience previously to answering your main object in the application to me; but the deference and respect I owe to the high characters with whom I have lately been in conference impose this explanation as an indispensable duty: especially as going at once into a plan, which they might be supposed to have omitted, would on my part be a very indecorous presumption.

I now come to the question implied in the resolution of your Board; "Are the Narrows defensible? If so, what are the means, "and what the probable expence?" To this I answer, they are in my opinion [110] defensible, but the means are extensive, and should unite submarine obstructions, forts on each side, and gun boats on the flats in advance.

With respect to the sinking an island in the centre, which has been much spoken of, it does not appear to me that local circumstances have been fully considered. In the middle of the Narrows there are between sixteen and seventeen fathoms of water, say one hundred feet at half tide; to make an island of stone in this depth, with an area of four acres at its surface, as I have heard mentioned, even if the sides were vertical, which could not be, would be more than seventeen millions of cubic feet of stone, this at fifteen cubic [feet] to the ton, would be about one million, One hundred and sixty thousand tons, and would require near twenty four thousand sloops of fifty tons each to convey it; and if the calculation were to be made at four and an half cents each cubic foot, the cost would be nearly Eight hundred thousand Dollars, with as much in addition as the natural slope of loose stones in a rapid current, would increase the mass.

[111] The best plan for permanent obstructions, in my estimation, is that which in the course of a conversation at the Mayor's was intimated by yourself, and as I take no merit in the invention, I may be allowed to state it in detail.

Suppose numerous blocks were to be sunk in the Narrows at certain distances from each other, which though sufficient for a ship to

pass between them, yet should she go but a little on either side of the middle, would insure her destruction; as the depth of water varies in the space before mentioned from ten to sixteen fathoms. Let us suppose a mean, thirteen fathoms or seventy eight feet; the mean would be less, as the depth is less within two hundred feet of the shore on each side, allowing the blocks to rise within ten feet of the surface, and taking a fair but sufficient mean. Let us suppose the averaged depth to be sixty five feet, and the superficial contents of each block, whatever may be its shape, to be fifty feet square, or twenty five hundred square feet, this multiplied by the depth, would give forty five thousand and five hundred cubic feet, which at the price of four and a half cents as above stated, would cost two hundred and twenty six thousand, One [112] hundred and ten dollars. If these blocks were placed at sixty feet distance from each other, and were armed with cheveaux de frize, as they might be, so as to reduce the spaces to the width of a ship, it is self evident that no ship could pass, for if she were but one foot on either side of the middle, one of the projecting points would check her progress, when she would immediately round to, and lay her broadside against all the others. To put this effect in a striking point of view, let us suppose a Ship going at the rate of ten Knots with wind and tide, and that by some accident her own anchor were to drop under foot, every sailor knows, that unless she parted her cable in an instant, she would round to, and carry all by the board.

Nautical men are generally very bold and hazardous when the danger is visible, because they rely upon their own skill and activity; but the boldest sailor is the most cautious of all beings, where the danger is invisible, and they always take care to give rocks a very good birth.

This calculation goes to filling up of the whole space, but it is evident that a channel should be left for our own vessels; this at the [113] worst would oblige an enemy to advance singly, and directly under the guns of the batteries to be erected on either side, while every block so sunk would compleatly cover a gun boat that might be anchored upon, or behind it, without danger, owing to their small draft of water. Besides these considerations, it is self evident that the blocks must aid every other mode of obstruction, and, after the experiment we have witnessed, there can be no doubt, but M^{r} Fulton's Torpedoes could be applied here with almost certain effect. If a pair of these destructive machines were placed in each space between the blocks, should all other means fail, their action would be, as far as human foresight can presume to be accurate, infallible.

If however such obstructions were to be unprotected by batteries on each side, an enemy might progress with a fair wind against the tide, giving to his ship just what way he chose; and by sending boats a head might in a slow and cautious manner feel for a safe passage and remove temporary obstructions; it is therefore of all things the most necessary to prevent the possibility of remaining at rest, any where in the passage.

The most essential as well as the most costly battery should be erected at the edge [114] of Hendrick's reef. Until I can have time to cause the plan and elevation of such a battery to be made, I submit to your consideration the plan and elevation of one designed for a point, not dissimilar as to position in the harbour of Charleston, which I must request you to return after it has been laid before the Corporation.

On the Staten Island side, only the lower battery need to be casemated, as those ascending the hill in the rear, would be above the reach of either small arms or swivels from the tops of the enemies ships. These batteries could be so constructed as to be impregnable to the fire of shipping, and could form an intersecting fire of from fifty to eighty shot on each side.

It is not an easy matter to calculate the expence of batteries, where, nothing of the kind having been done before. I am deficient in the requisite data, upon which alone accurate estimations can be made, but as I have often heard it said that, could the defence at the Narrows, like the one described be procured, the inhabitants of New York would not think a million of dollars too great an expence. I feel a self assu [115] rance that, with certain dependence on such a fund, the object might be so far obtained, as in conjunction with protecting redoubts on the high grounds, and the interior fortifications and gun boats before described, the harbour of New York would become invulnerable to any maratime attack. In case of an invading army our only method would be, and the only one the spirit of our countrymen would require that of meeting the enemy in the field.

Deeply impressed with the importance of the present crisis, and knowing how anxious the public mind is at present, I have thought it best to give a prompt answer to your request, though from the nature of the case, it must be a very imperfect one; and were I very thirsty for professional fame, it might be considered imprudent, thus to lay myself open to criticism on a subject where there are so many opinions, with much confidence in the validity of each one.

I make no pretensions to infallibility upon any subject, and shall listen with complacency to any opinion, on this one, from any quarter; but while I respect the sentiments of others, I hope I may rely on some indulgence for my own.

[116] Should it be in my power to give the Corporation any further information, I shall at all times most readily do it upon the slightest requisition on their part; without any other view than the satisfaction of resulting from the reflection of having rendered an acceptable service to the citizens of New York.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Sir
Your most obedient
and most humble servant
Jonathan Williams.

Resolved that the Committee appointed to confer with Col. Williams, in behalf of this Board, on the subject of fortifying at the Narrows, be and hereby are directed to request his opinion, whether the Narrows, under all circumstances, be the most eligible place for obstruction and the erection of batteries, in addition to those already determined on by the United States for the protection of the City and harbour of New York, and if, in his judgment, other positions are preferable, to request that he will report the [117] same to this Board with as little delay as possible.

Ordered that the same Committee be authorized to devise a plan for raising money to defray the expences, that may be incurred, for erecting fortifications and making such obstructions as may be judged necessary for the protection of this city and harbour.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies: viz^{t}

N^{o} 13.

Charles Ferguson, blacksmith, vice Richard Doty resigned.

Hook & Ladder Company N^{o} 2.

George Harris, Carpenter, vice Michael Parker, resig^{d}
Peter Cullen, Grocer. v. Samuel Day. d^{o}
Charles Hyslop. Baker. v. Thomas Willits, d^{o}

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay:

N^{o} 217.	Daniel Davis, repairs to Pumps	$12.25
218.	Daniel J. Brooks, Pump & Well in Division S^{t}	26.
219.	Casparus Romaine, carting for Sup^{t} of repairs	50.

N° 220.	William Ferguson, timber for repairing Kingsbridge.....		$31.12
221.	Anthony Girard & C° Powder for 4th July.....		109.50
[118]			
222.	Nicholas Carmer—repairs of Docks.....	65.25	
223.	d° d° Wells	105.52	
224.	d° d° Engine Houses	39.68	
225	d° d° Markets	15.28	
226	d° d° City Hall	15.63	
227.	d° Salary &c^a.....	60.50	
			301.86
228.	Edward Moran, Ass^t S^t Comm^r Salary.....		54.
229.	J. M^cGown & J. Simmons, carting earth to Corporation dock		171.44
230.	John M^cKenzie, keeper of Potters field, Salary.....		92.
231.	William Gowder, carting earth to Flymarket Slip.....		35.62
232.	James Hardy Salary.....		67.75
233.	Andrew Leary. Carpenters Work Alms H° & Bridewell	50.25	
234.	d° d° Docks & Slips....	54.37	
235.	d° d° Gaol	21.75	
236.	d° d° Engine Houses...	75.75	
237.	d° d° Pumps	30.	
			234.12
238.	Hugh Brice, filling in Collect.....		257.90
239.	Thomas Anderson, Labour at d°.....		38.18
240.	Hugh Montgomerry for repaving intersection of Gold & Ferry Streets		12.37
241.	Manhattan C° repairs to Water pipes.....		7.50
242.	Abel W. Hardenbrook, on acc^t of Fire Engines.....		500.
243.	Stagg & Anson, on acc^t of regulating Broadway above Jones Street		250.

[119] In Common Council. Aug^t 10. 1807.

Present Marinus Willet, Esquire, Mayor.

Esquires Aldermen.	Assistants.
John P. Ritter	Mess^rs John W. Mulligan
Jacob Mott	Gerard Depeyster
Thurston Wood	Andrew Morris
Jacob Leroy	Samuel Torbert
Selah Strong	Thomas Demarest
Roger Strong	Stephen Ludlam
Nicholas Fish	Benjamin Haight
	Robert Bogardus.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

This being the quarterly visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell the Mayor and Corporation inspected those buildings and found the several wards and apartments in excellent order.

[120] A Report from the Police Office that Abraham Reeves of

the 2d Watch district had been suspended for sleeping on his post was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Petition of John Stephens Junr, stating that he is confined in Gaol at the suit of the Corporation for $104, due for the purchase of Manure, and his inability to discharge the same, was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Isaac Wood, son of Isaac Wood Butcher deceased, to be allowed to occupy the Stall lately his father's No 20 Catherine Market, was granted.

A Petition of William Kline butcher to be allowed the Stand No 20. Catherine Market, was rejecfed in consequence of the preceding grant.

A Petition of Abraham Cannon and Ebenezer Clark, respecting the regulation of Lewis Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

†A Petition of James Nesbitt for the renewal of a lease of a lot in Chatham Street was referred to the Alderman and [121] Assistant of the 4th Ward and the Comptroller.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Hammond Street, for a well and pump on the usual terms, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward with power to grant, if within the Lamp district.

The following Report was read and confirmed.

‡The Committee to whom the petition of Jedediah Waterman was referred,

Report that notwithstanding the facts set forth in the Petition. Your Committee are of opinion that sufficient allowance has been made by the late Comptroller in the rent and that the same ought not to be reduced: Which is respectfully submitted.

John P. Ritter.
Jacob. Mott.

The following Report was also read and confirmed.

||The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Moore,

Report that on the 24th day of [122] June last the Common Council passed an Ordinance requiring such persons as owned property on the east side of Beekman Slip fronting the river to unite with the Corporation to run out a pier to consist of four bridges and four

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 135.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 16. P. 380.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See. P. 91.*—ED.

blocks and to extend 250 feet into the river opposite to the stores of John Rogers deceased, but from the unpleasant appearance of public affairs, most of the proprietors are desirous to postpone the building of the said Pier until the next Spring: But the Petitioner, Lewis Moore, being one of the proprietors, by his petition to this Board, stating that he is desirous to sink one block and make one Bridge this Summer, provided he may be permitted to receive the whole wharfage on the east side of the pier and one half of the wharfage on the end of the pier, until the other proprietors think proper to pay him their proportions of the expence of building said bridge and pier, which proportion, being paid they shall be entitled to such an interest in the pier as the law directs. It is therefore recommended by the Committee, that Lewis Moore be permitted to make a Bridge and sink a pier at Beekman Slip in the manner above mentioned and [123] that this board will pay one third of the expence of said pier and receive the wharfage on the west side of the wharf.

All which is submitted.

Selah Strong
John W. Mulligan
John S. Hunn.

Aug^{t} 10. 1807.

*A Petition of John Cunningham respecting certain lots leased from Thomas Gardner dec^{d} at Corlaer's Hook, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

†The Report of the Street Commissioner on the application of Potts [and] Moore for a Ballance due on their contract for regulating Mulberry Street; that the assessment on the following lots were not paid, viz^{t}

Warr^{t} 259	N^{o} 1033	.....	$62.62
$75.43.	1057	.....	12.81
Lien.			$75.43

and recommending that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer in favour of Richard Clarkson Collector for that amount, to operate as a lien on said Lots, which would enable the said Collector to discharge the aforesaid ballance, was read and confirmed.

[124] ‡The Report of the Street Commissioner on the Petition of William Badeau and others, respecting the money due them on their contract for regulating Montgomerry Street, that there appeared no necessity for the interposition of this Board, was confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 137.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 90.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 91.*—ED.

The Report of the Street Commissioner in favour of paying Messrs Halsted and Willet $123.7. ballance due them for making drains in Oak Street, James Street and Batavia lane, three years ago, was confirmed, and a warrant ordered to be issued on the Treasurer in their favour for that amount.

Warrt 259. $123.7

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting various nuisances, from No 3706. to No 3710. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following Report from Mr James Hardie to the City Inspector, was read.

Sir

On Tuesday last I was informed by Doctor Douglas, Commissioner of the Health Office, that the cemetery of the African Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, emitted, frequently, a smell which was very offensive [125] to the neighbours. Since that time I have repeatedly endeavoured to see the Sexton; but did not fall in with him till yesterday, towards the close of Divine Worship, when I had a conversation with him and two of the trustees of the Congregation.

This Society has no burying ground, but inter all their dead in a vault under the church. Since the first commencement of this practice full five years have elapsed and I believe it will be nearly correct to state that, at an average, One hundred and fifty persons have been interred there annually since that period: hence there are now in that vault not less than seven hundred and fifty dead bodies.

Upon opening the door of this vault the smell is, at this season of the year peculiarly offensive; and I fear that unless an immediate stop be put to the practice of interment therein, it may be productive of terrible consequences to the neighbourhood.

The two trustees with whom I conversed informed me that since the first complaint was made, respecting the nuisance, it had been their anxious desire to put a stop to interments in the vault altogether; but that they found themselves in the minority. They observed, however, that if an order [126] should be sent by the Common Council or Board of Health, they were persuaded an unanimous resolution would be forthwith passed by their body, directing the discontinuance of interments in the aforesaid vault.

August. 10th 1807. James Hardie.

*Whereupon an Ordinance was passed "to restrain interments in the Vault under the African Zion Methodist Episcopal Church."

†A Petition of John Moore representing that he is called upon by John McLean for the ground rent of the premises occupied by him, adjoining the Arsenal, who threatens a prosecution in case of refusal to pay the same, was read and referred to the Comptroller, and the former Committee on this subject was discharged.

A Communication of William Palmer setting forth that he has made certain improvements in Hydraulic Machinery for the purpose of raising water, for which he has obtained a patent, was read and referred to the Fire department.

[127] Petitions of William Peters to be appointed Captain of the City Watch, of George Goodheart and Isaac Anderson, to be appointed Captain in the place of Charles Van Orden deceased, were severally read.

Resolved that this Board proceed to the appointment of two Captains of the City Watch in the place of Magnus Beekman and Charles Van Orden deceased.

On counting the ballots it appeared, that ‡John White was duly elected Captain for the second district, and George Goodheart, Captain for the third district of the City Watch.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Streets be authorized to employ as many persons as may be needful to sweep and cleanse the streets and gutters of such persons who have left the city and neglect to sweep and clean the same and that the said Superintendant be empowered to collect the expence thereof from the owners and occupants of the said houses and that the Attorney of the Board draft an Ordinance [128] accordingly.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the situation of sick criminals confined in Bridewell and to devise means for the amelioration of their condition.

Alderman R. Strong
Messrs Depeyster & Bogardus } were appointed on this Committee.

The Comptroller reported that there was in the Treasury the sum of ..... $7000.

Warrt 260. Ordered, that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman, Superintendant of the Alms House for $3000.

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*Marginal note reads *Vide Laws. P. 21.*—ED.
†Marginal note reads *See. P. 26. Vol. 18. P. 253.*—ED.
‡Marginal note reads *See P. 90.*—ED.

Fire Company N° 26.

Joseph Parker, Carman of 7th Ward was appointed Fireman in the place of Peter Van Colt, transferred to N° 33.

The Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

[129] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

N° 244.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence—City Watch.....	237.16
245.	" William Van Wart do	237.16
246	" John Farrington do	217.56
247	" John White do	217.56
248	" Jacob Hays do	188.16
249	" George Goodheart do	188.16
250	Saltus Son & Co cordage for Flag Staff at Battery.....	22.26
251	do do at Signal Poles.....	21.57
252	Andrew Leary, cartage—for repairs of streets.....	13.59
253	do do docks	62.50
254	Margaret Van Orden, rent of Watch House 3d dist.....	25.
255	Daniel McFarlane. repairs to Pumps.....	82.80
257	Thornton, allowe for do in Mulberry St.....	32.
258	Richd Clarkson, for Assessmt for regulating Mulberry St to operate as a Lien on Lots. N° 1033. & N° 1057.....	75.43
259	Halsted & Willet. Balle due them for laying drains in Oak & James Streets & Batavia lane.....	123. 7
260	Richard Furman. Supt of Alms House.....	3000.
256.	Reuben Ayres, allowe for Well & pump in Mott & Broome Streets	32.

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Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.

Selah Strong Roger Strong Thurston Wood Jacob Leroy Jacob Mott John D. Miller John P. Ritter.	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Thomas Demarest Stephen Ludlam Robert Bogardus Samuel Torbert Andrew Morris Benjamin Haight	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports from the Police Office, that George Durand, for sleeping on his post, and Abraham Van Ambergh, for absenting himself from duty, were suspended by Capt Goodheart, that Obadiah Hunt, had been suspended by Capt Hays for absenting himself from duty; and that Henry Bird and John [131] Sickles were also suspended by Capt Farrington, for sleeping on their post, were read and referred to the Watch Committee.

Captain Hays recommendation of Nathaniel Hazard and Abraham D. Lent, to be appointed Watchmen, was referred to the same Committee.

Captain Goodheart reported that Isaac Anderson his Assistant had resigned his place and recommended Charles Thurston to be substituted, which was confirmed.

Captain White of the second district recommended *William Dennis to be appointed his Assistant, which was also confirmed.

A Communication from Mr Burral, Cashier of the United States Branch Bank, representing that an attempt had been made to break into said Bank on the night of the 11th and 12th inst. and charging the Watchmen on duty with neglect, was read and referred to Aldermen Leroy, R. Strong and Mr Bogardus to examine into the facts relating to said attempt and to enquire into the conduct of the Watchmen on duty.

[132] A Letter from William Schultz, Engineer from Europe, at present in Philadelphia, offering his services, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of Jasper Ward praying that an Ordinance may be passed for paving the east side of Peck slip from the present pavement to South Street, of which he is sole proprietor, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

†A Communication from Benjamin Ferris Esqr informing that Peter & Elias Dob have placed their account against the Corporation in his hands for collection, was read and referred to the Comptroller to ascertain and report the amount due to Messrs Dob.

A Memorial of the African Zion Methodist Episcopal Church setting forth that they have been served with an Ordinance passed by this Board not to inter any dead bodies hereafter in the vault belonging to said Church with which they mean to comply, and praying [133] that a lot of ground may be granted to them for the purpose of a cemetery, was read: whereupon Ordered that the Superintendant of the Alms House set apart a portion of Potters field, about Fifty feet square, for the use of said society.

A Representation of Samuel Shapter respecting a parcel of rubbish lying in Chatham Street before the Theatre, which Mr James Hardie engaged to remove on account of this Board, was read and referred to Mr Hardie with power to do what may be right.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 90.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 97.*—Ed.

A Petition of James Byrne Auctioneer to be permitted to sell household Furniture at Auction, at N° 29. Warren Street; was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of John B. Tenbrook, butcher to be allowed a stall in Duane Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

The following communication from the Assessors for Burling Slip was received.

The Assessors for Burling Slip have attended to the complaint of M^r^ Peter P. Van Zandt, respecting the assessment on his [134] property, and they consider it improper for them to make any alteration therein. M^r^ Van Zandt represents that for the purpose of widening the Slip, he formerly released a very valuable water lot, without any compensation, and consequently he claims a total exemption from Assessment. The Assessors therefore believe, that it is in the power of the Corporation, only, to determine the propriety of exonerating him, in consideration of the sacrifice he states that he has made.

Henry Ten Brook
New York. Aug^t^ 15^th^ John Depeyster
1807. Daniel Cromwell
Isaac Burr.

A Communication from M^r^ John Jackson respecting certain improvements contemplated to be made in the streets at Brooklyne, requesting the concurrence of the Corporation as far as respected their property, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A representation of the Attorney of the Board on the subject of the penalties incurred for breach of the Excise law was read. Whereupon Ordered that one half of said penalties be allowed to Informers on recovery thereof.

[135] *The Attorney reported a draft of an Ordinance "author- "izing the Superintendant of Streets to employ persons to sweep the "Streets in front of the Houses and Lots of Absentees in the City of "New York," which was passed.

†The Attorney to whom was referred the Petition of John Stevens Jun^r^ reported in favour of his being discharged from the suit recovered against him, on payment of costs, was confirmed, and he was directed to discharge said Stevens from Gaol accordingly.

‡A Report of the Street Commissioner that a former Report made by him on the 17^th^ of November last relating to the claim of Mess^rs^ Miller and Baker respecting the award on Canal Street, which was

* Marginal note reads *Vide Laws. P. 22.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 120.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 44 98.*—ED.

confirmed by the Board, but which had been omitted to be entered on the Minutes, and that the same may be entered, was read and ordered to be entered as follows:

The Street Commissioner has the honor to communicate to the Board, that Miller & Baker who are large creditors on the award of the Jury for opening Canal Street, have some months ago suggested to the Board by petition that an error existed in the quantity of ground [136] required of them for said Street, and the same being referred to the Subscriber he finds it to be true. These gentlemen do not wish to enter into further disputes upon this subject and have agreed to release the whole of the ground as now taken upon condition that interest is allowed to them on their bond from the date of the award, which in the opinion of the subscriber is much less than would, by impartial judges be awarded to them for the error aforesaid. They further state that they are indebted to Mr Lispenard in part for the said ground, and wish the money for that purpose. The bond intended to be given to them is yet in possession of the subscriber, amounting to $8.079 $^{60}/_{100}$ and they have requested him to propose to the Board that they will comply with the necessary cessions and pay the assessment now levied upon them, if the Corporation will give them their bond for the ballance (after deducting the assessment) in twelve months from this date, with interest from the date of the award as aforesaid. The Street Commissioner is of opinion that this is a just and fair proposition, and such as the Corporation ought to comply with. Which is respectʸ submitted

November 17. 1806. John S. Hunn.

[137] The Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of *Abraham Childs and others, recommending that the Collector for Canal Street be directed to render an Account of the monies collected by him, in order to enable the Board to refund the same to the petitioners, was read and confirmed.

The Report of the Street Commissioner on the petition of †John Cunningham, that the interference of the Board is not at present necessary, was read and confirmed.

‡The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Sugar loaf Street, from Broadway to Chapel Streets, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving

* Marginal note reads *See P. 90. P. 410.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 123.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 65.*—ED.

Oak Street from Roosevelt to James Street, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

*The Street Commissioner presented new Assessments for Chamber Street and Beekman Slip, which were ordered to be advertised in the usual manner.

†The Street Commissioner represented that Ebenezer Clark and William Ross [138] are possessed of ground, under lease from Mr Spingler, through which Broadway is to pass, and which is not included in the award of the Jury for opening said street: That they are willing to leave to referrees to determine the compensation that may be due to them, and recommended that a referee be appointed, on the part of the Board, for that purpose.

Whereupon Joseph Watkins was appointed referree.

The Street Commissioner reported that Messrs Stagg and Anson have completed their contract for regulating part of Broadway above Jones Street, and recommended that the ballance of $250. be paid to them.

Ordered that a Warrant be issued in their favour for Warrt No 268 that sum.

The following Report was read and confirmed.

‡The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, by the approbation of Thomas Buchannan signified by his subscribing his name to these presents, have the honor to

Report that they met Mr Buchannan [139] with the Surveyors on the ground and adjusted the division line between the land of the said Buchannan and the lands proposed to be conveyed to Robert Lylburne, and therefore recommend that the boundaries of the deed to Mr Buchannan be expressed in the following manner, vizt

Beginning at the middle road Twenty four Chains North easterly from the corner of Cross and Middle roads as the Middle road runs, from thence as the said Middle road runs, South about 34° W. 12. C. 30 links to a stone fence; thence as the said stone fence runs, South 55° 15′ East, 29 Chains to the post road; thence as the post road now runs N° 66° E. 4. Chains 81 Links; thence along said road N° 63° E. 62 Links, thence continuing along the said road N° 54° E. 2. Chains 67 Links, thence in continuation along the road N° 46° 15′ East 3. Chains 11 Links, thence N° 39° E. 2 Chains 10 Links; thence still following the course of the road N. 18° 15′ E. 2 Chains and 80 Links to the land of the Heirs of David Devore; thence along the land of

* Marginal note reads *See P. 78. 85. 165. 170.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 321. 355.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 88.*—Ed.

said Heirs of David Devore N. 64° 30′ W. 3. Chains 80 Links thence along the land of said Heirs of David Devore N. 61° 30′ W. 6. Chains 32 Links; thence along the land of said Heirs of David Devore N. 47° 45′ W. 2 Chains 35 Links to the Common Lands; thence N. 63° 30′ W. 8 Chains [140] 85 Links; thence S. 34° W. 30 Links; and from thence 12 Chains in a direct line to the place of beginning, containing 42 Acres 1. Rood, be the same more or less, all which courses are to be run as the needle pointed in 1806.

The Committee further state that this survey is according to Mr Buchanans fences nearly and includes more ground than the original survey of Gourke; and that they have agreed with Mr Buchannan that he shall pay for the ground included in this survey which exceeds the original measurement at the rate of the original purchase with interest thereon, until the day of payment.

The Committee are of opinion that the abovementioned boundaries are such as the Corporation ought to accept and recommend that the deeds be made out to Mr Buchanan immediately and delivered on his paying for the extra land, the amount of which will be ascertained by the Committee without delay.

Jacob Morton.
Thomas Buchanan. Comptr
John S. Hunn
August 17. 1807. St Commr

[141] *The following report was read and Ordered to lie for consideration.

The Comptroller to whom it was referred to examine into the situation of the claims of Messrs Rhinelanders to water grants at the foot of Reed, Jay and Beach Streets, and to report such plan as might be proper and just respecting said claims as preferred by the petition of the said Rhinelanders, has the honour to report:

That he has had, aided by the Street Commissioner several conversations with Messrs Rhinelanders upon this subject and has examined the minutes of the Corporation relating thereto, by all which he finds, with respect to Reed Street; 1st That the Corporation agreed on the 10th June 1794 to give a water grant to the Corporation of Trinity Church for all the ground from Washington Street, between Reed Street and Chamber Street to the river, to certain lines therein particularly described, on condition they would do certain things thereinmentioned, at an annual rent of one shilling per foot after

* Marginal note reads *See P. 199. 234. 255. 265. 360. 412.*—Ed.

the expiration of 42 Years from the 10th day of June 1794. That by mesne conveyances the said premises and appurtenances have [142] become the property of Mr Rhinelander, the breadth of which premises on the present wharf of West Street is about 52 feet.

2. That Messrs Rhinelander also by purchase from the Corporation of Trinity Church and before that Board had agreed to widen or cede their streets in the vicinity, became possessed of all the grounds between Jay and Harrison Streets from Greenwich Street to the North or Hudson river. That Jay Street, on the south side of the premises last aforesaid, is only 40 feet in width, and it is contemplated to widen it by cutting off 25 feet on the north side of it, from the premises owned by Mr Rhinelander, and that a verdict of a Jury now exists in favour of Messrs Rhinelanders for the value of the ground between Greenwich and Washington Streets. But that a large portion of the street, between the east side of Washington Street and West Street remains to be obtained from Mr Rhinelander, as well as the whole breadth of Washington Street from Jay to Harrison Street aforesaid.

3d That the Corporation of New York on or about the 29th day of May. 1797. [143] agreed to sell to Messrs Rhinelander all their right between high and low water mark fronting his property near Beach Street for One thousand Dollars in fee simple, being a breadth of about 125 feet: but which sum has not yet been paid; all which said premises are better understood by an inspection of the maps herewith presented and to which the Comptroller begs leave to refer.

It does not appear, from an investigation of this subject that there is any impropriety in issuing these grants to Messrs Rhinelander, provided they are equally disposed to render justice and a reasonable equivalent therefor. This idea being suggested to Messrs Rhinelander they have consented to a negociation of the whole subject matter stated in the preceding part of this report: and have consented to accept of the grant near Reed Street and pay the aforesaid quit from the time thereinmentioned; that they will relinquish all claims they have to the ground required to widen Jay Street, west of the line of Washington Street, on condition their property on the west of Washington, between Jay and Harrison Streets is exempted from any charge for opening Jay Street above: That they will [144] cede Washington Street from Jay to Harison Street and that they will pay the principal sum of One thousand Dollars, with the interest due thereon, for the ground between high and low water mark, opposite their property in Beach Street.

The Comptroller is therefore of opinion that as Messrs Rhinelander do agree to the stipulations aforesaid, Grants ought to be ordered to be made out in their favor for the grounds to the permanent line and present wharves inclusively, and upon such terms as may be just and right and according to the usual prices of grants in that quarter of the city. All which is respectfully submitted.

Augt 17. 1807. J. Morton
Comptroller.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from No 3711 to No 3721 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be authorized, after the recovery and receipt of [145] any penalty, under and by virtue of the Ordinance "to regulate Carts and Carmen in the City of New York," to pay over to the person who shall give the said Attorney such information of any offence against the said Ordinance, as shall enable the said Attorney to prosecute the Offender to judgment, such part of the said penalty so recovered and received, as in his judgment he shall deem meet and proper.

Resolved that the Watch heretofore ordered at the Powder House be discontinued.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Justus
Warrt No 269. Dearman, on account of the Pier at Burling Slip, for $500.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H.
Warrt No 270. Sickles on account of the Building Committee, for $1000.

The following Letter from Col. Jonathan Williams was presented

To Selah Strong Esqr
Chairman of a Committee of the Corporation of New York.

[146] Fort Columbus, Augt 17. 1807.

Sir

Since your favour of the fifth, inclosing the resolution of the Corporation dated the fourth instant, was received, I have been employed in examining the depths and distances of the shoals and channels in several parts of the harbour and bay of New York, in order to be as correct as possible in the representation I am about to make. The Corporation have done me the honour to ask my opinion,

" whether the Narrows, under all circumstances, be the most eligible " place for the obstruction and erection of batteries, in addition to " those determined on by the United States, for the protection of the " city and harbour of New York."

The best answer that I can make to this enquiry, will doubtless be to lay before the board, a collection of facts relating to the whole space, within and without the Narrows, which have resulted from credible information and unequivocal experiment.

There are people now living who remember when the channel between Governor's island [147] and Long island was fordable, and I have the best authority for saying that about fifty years ago, the gardener of the then Governor used to pass and repass in a canoe, without a paddle, by merely a push with his foot at setting out. By an English chart published in 1776, it appears that the shoalest water in this passage was at that time three fathoms; by a Chart made by Captain Chauncey and Mr Loss, the depth in the same place was in 1798, increased to five fathoms, and there are now seven fathoms of water at low tide.

The cause of this is universally, and I believe truly, ascribed to the cast given to the East river ebb tide, by the docking out on that side of the city.

If this be the effect of a partial obstruction occasioned by the new docks, it may be asked what would be the effect of one general obstruction across the channel between flats of deep and soft mud? As nature acts upon a large scale, and is not disposed to yield to the operations of art upon a comparatively small one, it is not unreasonable to suppose that a new channel would, in such a case, be soon opened on either side.

By the English chart abovementioned, [148] there appears to be a channel round Red Hook, of at least three fathoms deep, across the entrance of Gwoan's Cove, by Yellow Hook, and so on to the Narrows. Capt. Chauncey and Mr Loss' Chart describe the same channel, but it appeared to have been filled up to about two fathoms near Red Hook. I have now sounded the whole length of this channel, and find it has opened itself again, so that I carried from three and a half, to five fathoms, all the way through at low tide. It is therefore reduced to a certainty, that any ship, drawing as much water as can be brought over Sandy Hook, which is barred quite across by three and an half fathoms, may sail close on the Long island side to the eastward of Mud Flat, and come round Red Hook into the main, or into the Buttermilk channel, without coming near enough to be at-

tacked from any point in advance of the already described interior defence.

Buttermilk channel may doubtless be rendered impassible by chains well protected from the shores of Red Hook and Governor's island; and the South side of the latter would be a very commanding point for a battery, [149] which would rake the channel just described, to the whole length of cannon shot. The southern point of Gwoan's Cove, called Yellow Hook, lies about due east from Robins reef, and nearly at right angles with the channel, it was therefore essential to find the true distance and depth of water in this direction, since this appears to be the place most spoken of for obstructing an enemy's passage. By actual measurement with a line and two boats, warping from one to the other, and carrying on this warp as nearly as possible in one direction, making due allowance for the curve of the line by its sinking and by the tide, there appears to be at least three thousand nine hundred yards distance between the points, so far from the shore of each, that the least depth in any one place is seventeen feet, which compared with the ship channel in the Narrows, is nearly as five to two.

In the middle of the main channel the water is twelve fathoms deep to a width of about four hundred and fifty yards; it only decreases to nine fathoms on each side in a space of six hundred yards, and it is not less than five fathoms in fifteen hundred yards width; the channel east of Mud Flat, is in this place about five hundred yards [150] wide, with no less than twenty five feet, all the other depths vary between three and five fathoms.

That the Corporation may have at one view, this distance and the several depths in an east and west direction, I have subjoined a section of the passage quite across from Robins' reef to the point above mentioned. After this representation, the Corporation will not think it necessary for me to give any opinion as to the practicability, expediency, cost or effect of obstructions in this place: their own judgments will decide these questions. It must be remembered, however, that in obstructing the channel in this place, there is nothing to prevent the enemy from possessing the Kil's channel, and totally blockading Newark Bay and the sound, thus cutting off all communication with Jersey below Paules Hook, while the whole anchorage at the quarantine ground is left open, where a fleet of any number or size may ride unmolested and obtain coercively every supply it might want. It will also be matter worthy of consideration, how far this fine harbour may or may not be injured by obstructing the pres-

ent and opening [151] other channels. While upon this business, I thought it best to ascertain the width of Hendrick's reef at the Narrows, with more accuracy than could be done by trigonometrical observations, owing to the unsteady position of the buoy or boat, which I was obliged to make the apex of the triangle; and I found that in the direction from the first new house below Mr Denisses, towards the most southern private signal staff on Staten island, the reef measured, by the line, four hundred and twenty five yards, allowing twenty five yards for the curve of the line, this shoal may be calculated at four hundred yards from the shore; pursuing the same mode of measuring, the whole width of the Narrows, in this place, appears to be nineteen hundred and five yards, which agrees very well with my previous trigonometrical observations. The water, from the reef and from the shore on the Staten island side, deepens so suddenly that the width of the channel for any ship that can come over the bar at Sandy Hook, ought not to be calculated at less than fifteen hundred yards, and the depth in the line abovementioned is not more than fifteen fathoms; where greater depths are found they may be considered as holes. On trying the current by heaving the log when the boat was at anchor, it [152] appeared to run at the ebb and flood at the rate of two miles in an hour, but on raising the pitch pot, with which the boat was anchored, about two fathoms from the bottom, the current that passed by the boat was but at the rate of one mile in an hour.

As it is reasonable to suppose that the boat at the surface would have towed the pot a little, even if the water below had been still, we may conclude that the current below is not stronger than one mile an hour, and as all changes of full tides by increased freshes or the agitations occasioned by the wind, probably take place only at and near the surface to proportionally small depths, the velocity of one mile in an hour, or the constant velocity of one foot and an half in a second is all the impulse that blocks in the Narrows can be exposed to, at a certain depth, and this impulse would be alternate at each end, in precisely opposite directions, not more than six hours at a time; while the current of the water on each side would be a support rather than a pressure. Hence I conclude that if blocks were to be sunk in the Narrows two sides might be vertical, and if the ends were to be made like the [153] sterlings of a bridge, with a batter or talus of three inches in one foot, their strength would resist the currents and every sort of agitation of the sea from any ordinary cause whatever. In the same proportion as they are made long below in the course of

the current, they may be made short above in such a shape as to be narrow in that direction, and of the full width of the base across the tide; thus if the upper surface were a parallelogram of eighty across by thirty along the current, the surface below might be sixty along, by eighty across the current as above, making the mean surface three thousand six hundred square feet, and as the average depth may be taken at sixty five feet, supposing the upper surface to be ten feet under water, as mentioned in my former communication, which it will be remembered is below the ice in winter, the cubical contents of each block will be two hundred and thirty four thousand feet, and by extending the chevaux de frize fifteen feet each way, obstructions of one hundred and ten feet wide might be made to extend from side to side at such distances as to leave ample passage for the water between them.

Twenty eight of these obstructions, with [154] *with* intervals of eighty feet, would, at the ends of the cheveaux de frize, leave intervals of but fifty feet, and form a line quite across the channel. But instead of filling up the whole space, it was intimated when this idea of obstruction was first stated, and although I approve, I do not take to myself the merit of its ingenuity, that they might run in different lines from either side, so that altho' each line of blocks might be half the width of the Narrows, the extremities might be an hundred yards distant from each other, in the line of the current, this would be always a safe uninterrupted passage for our shipping, when not closed by a chain, and when closed would float along the current at both flood and ebb, and thereby meet with no resistance laterally, and as the floats would ride, each in the rear of the other, the longitudinal resistance would be small. An enemy who might attempt to force the chain, would be obliged to check his way, and consequently his propelling force, by turning at right angles with the wind and tide, and should the tide resist one effort, he would be immediately thrown, by both wind and tide, with his broad side to the next line of blocks, and [155] remain at the mercy of the batteries. Now the whole of this defence, even at five cents the cubic foot, would be but three hundred and twenty seven thousand six hundred dollars, and the chain, which would answer for this purpose, is now lying in good order, at West point. The remarks I have made relative to the proposed obstructions before mentioned, may be said to apply here, and that I should be found in contradiction with myself, I will therefore beg leave to make a few comparative observations on this subject, which I trust every man of candor will admit to be tolerably well

founded. The channel near Robins' reef has on each side an immense expanse of water, and below it a body of soft mud. The channel in the Narrows, has on each side, hard rocks and high grounds, with a bottom that is worn down to its utmost depth, and there is probably nothing but rock remaining. The proposed obstructions in the Narrows, admit a current of as much water between them, as they impede the passage of; and as it is impossible to make any impression on either side, the only effect would be to raise the water in the Narrows as much as the opposing bulk amount to. For the sake of round numbers, I will suppose the whole cubical contents to be seven millions [156] of cubic feet. If this mass of water were to be spread over the whole breadth of the Narrows, through its length, it will be found by calculation that it would raise the surface continually with soft mud, and vast expanse on each side, is another question, the solution of which I make no pretensions to. I do not mean in this new statement, to abandon the position I took in my former communication, relative to Mr Fulton's torpedoes. This gentleman, in the several communications I have had with him, appears to be fully possessed of the subject of his invention, upon principles which are all of them reducible to mathematical and experimental demonstration; and seeing, as I have seen, the effect of his Torpedoes, I cannot hesitate in recommending these engines as a very powerful auxiliary. A question of humanity has been raised relative to the use of these machines, which in its effect has rather an inhumane tendency. Let us, if we can, blow up a few marauding invaders, and the immorality and inhumanity of attacking defenceless towns, for the sake of plunder, would be checked, while human miseries would be lessened by rendering such attacks less frequent. Wars [157] have in effect been less sanguinary since the invention of gunpowder; yet when it was first used, it must have had a treacherous appearance.

In my last communication, I probably did not express myself so clearly as I might have done, if it had been written more at leisure than circumstances permitted, for I find that my meaning has not been fully understood. In saying that ships would always pass batteries, I meant to speak of unobstructed passages, and in the direction of a tangent to the angle of the embrasure. This may be considered as settled, until batteries shall be erected of a greater power than any that have hitherto been seen; but the great force of batteries at the entrance of a narrow passage, should be applied at the moment a ship comes within cannon shot, and by a powerful, quick and intersecting fire, do her all possible injury, before she comes at right angles

with the battery; every sportsman knows the difference between a bird flying towards him, and one flying across his view. There is no inconsistency in my not opposing what the world seems to have deemed incontrovertible; where there are neither submarine obstructions nor a floating force to aid the batteries, and [158] saying at the same time, that these three, acting together, might be so placed as to render the Narrows invulnerable. If we were to have batteries without gunboats and obstructions an enemy might pass. If we were to have obstructions without force to protect them, the enemy would leisurely remove the dangerous parts and go between the others. Thus, you see, sir, that in my opinion, although a reliance upon any one mode might be illusory, the whole combined would certainly protect the Narrows, and insure security and tranquillity to this opulent city.

Those who object to permanent defence, because it will require time and expence, and will agree to no expence that does not imply immediate effect, may spend their lives in talking upon this subject, but they will never do any thing. Engineers do not deal in magic; there must be a sufficiency of time, money, with a very good stock of patience, or their works will never do any good to the public, nor credit to themselves. If this harbour and bay were in possession of any of the belligerent powers of Europe, their Engineers would pronounce it to be perfectly defensible, but they would require a good fund of the three requisites before mentioned, money, time and patience. What then [159] are we to do in case of a sudden unexpected attack? I answer that we must make use of the means we can, on short notice, command, send our gunboats in front with an ample collection of torpedoes to be placed in proper positions, put a gun or two on board each one of the North river Sloops, and go down upon the enemy like a swarm of bees. I would recommend however, that these auxiliary sloops should keep so far in the rear of the advanced guard, as not to impede their operations. Desperate cases must have desperate remedies; and this bold advance, with our wharves lined with cannon, might save the city. But this kind of defence should never be relied on, as a sure protection. By frequent repetition, it would be in effect more expensive than permanent batteries; and at every requisition the money so suddenly expended would be all lost; to say nothing of the loss occasioned by diverting our citizens from the daily pursuit of their business, and employment of their vessels. The enemy too, might perpetually harrass us by false alarms,

till tired of preparations, without using them, we should be caught, when we thought ourselves the most secure.

As the Corporation have not directed my [160] attention to any particular point, I was desirous of extending my examination down to Sandy Hook, but a violent storm drove me back, under the shelter of Coney island. I had here an opportunity of observing a fine land locked bay, called Gravesend bay, where the water was smooth, although there was a high sea without, and where the largest fleet that ever crossed the ocean could ride with perfect safety in four or five fathoms of water, while only a superior naval force could annoy it.

Between the Narrows and the Hook there does not appear one single point above water except Coney island, from which a ship could be touched, and this is so much exposed to be attacked with success, or to be starved out that it cannot be thought a proper place for a garrison. It is merely a sand bank without vegetation and without fresh water, and even if it were formidable, ships could keep at too great a distance to suffer from its shot, whatever might be their number or power. Although I could not visit Sandy Hook, I have a tolerable knowledge of that point, having passed it, and examined very accurate charts. From my experience in the rivers, inlets, [161] &c: on the coast of North and South Carolina, I am confident that no obstructions could be permanently placed on these moving sandbars at the margin of the ocean. Such ideas should in my opinion be abandoned as soon as conceived, and although I have seen a very elegant plan for fortifying this Hook at the expence of four millions of dollars, and a perpetual garrison of eight thousand men, I cannot hesitate to say, that if the plan were executed it would not in my opinion prevent an enemy's fleet from passing by, and occupying Gravesend Bay with very little injury.

I cannot close this account without acknowledging my obligations to my assistants, especially as their concurrence will show that I have hazarded no unsupported assertion, from any suggestions of the imagination. Cap^{t} Wilson navigated my boat in the precise direction required. M^{r} Thomas Brown placed the warp boat and kept it steady in the proper position. M^{r} Clark, an experienced seaman, heaved the lead with the utmost regularity, and Lieu^{t} Bomford, of the corps of engineers, made all the requisite notes and observations with the most minute exactness: and [162] with respect to the channel east of mud flat, Cap^{t} Wilson and M^{r} Clark have both declared that they could see no difficulty of carrying a ship of the line through upon a rising tide.

Thus, Sir, I have given all the explanations on this important subject that I am capable of, and if it should give any satisfaction to the good citizens of New York, I shall be abundantly gratified.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient
and most humble servant
Jonathan Williams.

Ordered that the Report of Col. Williams be printed for the use of the Board.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineers certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 19.

Thomas Cooper, vice, Henry Lownsberry } transferd
Charles Nash. v. William Misarvy } to
Heyder Somerindyke. v. Thos Bashford } N° 32.

[163] Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay

N° 261.	Daniel McFarlane, for Pump & Well corner of Warren St & Broadway	$165.72
262.	William Kay, for d° corner of Rynder & Grand Streets	100.
263	Jacob Sprout, filling Lot 95. Chapel Street to operate as lien	34.94
264	Amos Rooke, salary, attending Signal Poles	82.50
265	James Cheetham, Printing	37.50
266	Jacob Cholwell, lighting lamps	1159.56
267	Watson & Campbell, timber for Markets &c	300.18
268	Stagg & Anson, Balle of contract for regulating Broadway. above Jones Street	250.
269	Justus Dearman, on acct of Pier at Burling Slip	500.
270	John H. Sickles, on acct of Building Comme	1000.

Adjourned to meet at the Alms House on Thursday next 4. P. M. for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of protecting and fortifying this city and harbour.

N. B. This meeting was postponed to afford the Committee further time to sound the harbour.

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Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor
Maturine Livingston, Esqr Recorder.

Jacob Mott		Messrs Gerard Depeyster	
Roger Strong		Thomas Demarest	
Selah Strong		Samuel Torbert	
John D. Miller	Esquires	Benjamin Haight	Assistants.
Nicholas Fish	Aldermen.	John Hopper, Junr	
John P. Ritter.		Andrew Morris	
Jacob Leroy.		John W. Mulligan	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr		Stephen Ludlam	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office, that John Webb and Joseph Alden Watchmen of Captain Farrington's Company were suspended for sleeping on their posts, was [165] read and referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Petition of William Cutting for the regulating Norfolk Street from Grand to Stanton Streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

†A Memorial of Isaac Samo and others, inhabitants of Chamber Street, against the assessment for removing a Building in said Street, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

‡A Memorial of Silas Lawrence and others against the Assessment for building a bulkhead at Beekman Slip was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of John S. Henry setting forth that he is materially injured by the late order of the Board prohibiting auctioneers from selling goods in Vesey Street, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of Charles Dobbs and others for the regulation of First Street from Grand to Delancey Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

||A Petition of Waters Furman and John P. Anthony, sureties for John Bussing Collector of an Assessment on Division Street, praying [166] an adjustment of his accounts for said Street, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of John Fash, butcher for a stand in Duane Market, was referred to the Market Committee

* Marginal note reads *See P. 280.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 137 170.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 137.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 195.*—Ed.

A Communication from Capt Goodheart of the 3d Watch district stating that several of his men are also Firemen who, in case of Fire while on Watch, leave their posts, was read: Whereupon* Resolved, that no Fireman shall be a Watchman of this city.

Mr Torbert gave notice that he should move for a reconsideration of this resolution.

A Petition of the Devisees of Edward Laight deceased for payment of the ballance due them for damages assessed for opening Cherry Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

Warrt No 284. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles for $1000 to be paid to the Contractors for delivering marble for the New City Hall.

A Report of the Committee of repairs on the dilapidated state of Oswego Market was read, recommending that the eastern end [167] of said Market be taken down, which was confirmed.

The following Report was read and confirmed.

†The Market Committee to whom the petitions of John Ferris, Peter Chapel, Cornelius J. Westervelt & others; William Gibson and John Gilmore were referred

Report that Fifty cents be added to the present weekly allowance per week to John Ferris for sweeping the Hudson and Oswego Markets, making two dollars per week.

‡That it is inexpedient to grant a permit to Peter Chapel to sell meat in the upper part of the Bowery lane.

That the practice of selling small meats within the Hudson markets house, without licence, ought to be discontinued.

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John P. Ritter
Thomas Demarest.

The following Report of the Attorney was read and confirmed.

||The Attorney of this Board to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Vesey Street praying that the Sales at Auction in the said Street may be restrained, begs [168] leave to report, that the present Ordinance regulating the Sales at Auction is sufficiently penal provided the same was enforced that the best and only way of checking the present practice of exposing dry goods, hardware or other articles, excepting house hold furniture to sale in any of the public streets, would be to instruct the Street Commissioner to let some of

* Marginal note reads *See P. 225.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 91.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 83.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 90.*—Ed.

the persons in his employ, mark the offender or offenders and report them to the proper officer as the only method of correcting the procedure. As to that part of the petition which prays this Board to restrain the sales of furniture in the said Street, I am of opinion that this Board cannot change the place of sale in any possible way, so as to lessen the evil and to remove them altogether would prove a serious inconvenience to the persons concerned. They ought to have some place assigned them for the conducting of those sales, and no Street on the west side of Broadway is better suited than the one in which they are at present permitted to sell. I would also have the law strictly enforced as the best remedy for the evil complained of, I would submit to [169] the Board the propriety of having that particular law published with a notice that hereafter every violation thereof would be promptly noticed.

All which is submitted

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*The following Report of the Attorney was read and Ordered to lie for consideration:

The Attorney of the Board begs leave to state that after diligent search and enquiry for Testimony in the cause of Colver vs Corporation in relation to the Mud Machines, he has been able to collect the following. First as it relates to one of them it appears that it was purchased from Colver, and when it decayed a new boat was built but all the old works put in the new boat; and as they wore out or got broken new ones were procured. As to the other two built some few years since, they are not altogether in imitation of Colvers, yet the variation is not so great as to exempt the Corporation from the charge of having used his for their model. Mr Emmet says he shall advise his client to compromise with the Corporation and that it shall not be unreasonable. Which is submitted

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[170] †The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for removing a building in Chamber Street, which was confirmed.

‡The Street Commissioner presented a new Assessment for making a bulkhead at Beekman Slip, which was confirmed and William Peters was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported a list of delinquents on the assessment for paving Church Street from Leonard to Lispenard Street.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 36 193.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 137.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 137.*—ED.

Ordered that a warrant be issued to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner reported that Matthew Bolmer, who was appointed Assessor for opening Cross Street declined serving: whereupon Gabriel Furman was appointed in his place.

The Street Commissioner presented returns made by John Bussing of Delinquents on Assessments for regulating

Bullock Street from Bowery to Broadway.

Grand Street from Broadway to Rynder S^{t}

Mulberry Street from Broome to Prince S^{t}

Division Street from Orchard to Essex Street.

[171] Roosevelt Street from Chatham Street to Batavia lane.

And as Richard Clarkson has been appointed Collector in place of said Bussing the Street Commissioner recommended that warrants to compel payment be passed in favour of said Clarkson, which was confirmed.

*The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the application of Robert Lylburn respecting a grant of Common Lands reported

That the line between the lands of the Corporation and M^{r} Buchanan having been settled, it only remains, previous to giving the deed to M^{r} Lylburn, that the price at which he is to pay per acre for the ground should be determined. By former resolutions of the Board the whole subject was referred to the, then, Comptroller and the Street Commissioner and by a late resolution the present Comptroller was directed to report his opinion as to the mode of settlement. But as any valuation which might be made by an Officer of the Board would not be obligatory on M^{r} Lylburn, and as therefore, in addition to its not being a final determination of the business, it would give [172] him an election which would not as between him and the Corporation be fair and equal, the subscribers would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of submitting the valuation of the land to Arbitrators; one to be appointed by the Board, one by M^{r} Lilburne and a third to be chosen by the two persons so appointed. To this arrangement M^{r} Lylburn has signified his assent.

All which is respectfully submitted

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J. Morton
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that said Report lie over for consideration.

*Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 270. 464. See P. 228. 269.*—Ed.

*The Comptroller's Report recommending an extension of the Lease of Hoboken Ferry to David Codwin for the further term of three Years on the same terms of his present lease, was read and ordered to lie over.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 3722. to N° 3726 inclusive

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following letter from Colonel [173] Williams was presented and read.

To Selah Strong Esq[r]
Chairman of the
Committee of the
Corporation.

Fort Columbus August 21, 1807.

Sir.

In compliance with the request of the Committee expressed in your letter of the 18[th] inst. I have sounded from the Southern part of Redhook in a direction West by South to the middle of the main channel bringing the eastern extremity of Bedlows island to bear North by east half east. I divided the soundings into equal distances of time and supposing the Boat to have equal way upon her the division of the length of the lines by the number of soundings gives about thirty yards for the distance between the heaves of the lead: by pursuing this calculation it will be found that the width of the interior channel, eastward of Mud flat, where the water on each side was three and a half fathoms and in the middle five, is about three hundred yards, this was about half tide. The width of the Flat will by the same rule be found to be about four hundred yards with [174] not less than three and a half fathoms and the rest of the line will be found to be a gradual slope from four to eleven fathoms in a distance of about twenty one hundred yards, the averaged depth of which will be six and a half fathoms, the whole length will be found about two hundred yards short of a mile and three quarters as required, but as I brought the bearings of Bedlows island exactly as marked by a pencil line on Cap[t] Chaunceys and M[r] Loss' Chart, and as the tide had caused me to deviate one half a point from the course, I conclude that this spot was the termination of the proposed line. I then sunk a Buoy and proceeded to Cawan Point, where I waited *for*

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 422. Vol. 18. P. 7.*—ED.

the next tide. On proceeding from this point in a South east direction as required I found about eighteen hundred or two thousand yards of soft mud, in some places six, but no where deeper than eight feet. We then came rather suddenly into five fathoms and continued deepning till we came into eleven fathoms and brought Bedlows island to bear nearly as before North North east; running across [175] we had about a dozen heaves of eleven fathoms, and then shoaled gradually till we came on the flat again, precisely as we ran off it before. Night coming on with contrary winds we could not proceed up in the line of the channel, but by frequent previous sounding, I am convinced it is no where less than eleven and in many places fifteen fathoms, between the part we crossed to the point of Governor's island. I beg leave to observe that there can be no doubt of the accuracy of Cap^{t} Chaunceys soundings, which I understand were all taken in a boat and in fine weather; the differences therefore are only to be ascribed to the changes a soft muddy bottom is liable to in the way of currents and in a long course of time. Desirous of giving the earliest information, I have not been able to accompany this letter with a section of the depths; but Lieu^{t} Bomford will wait upon you with one on Monday morning, in the mean time I send you inclosed a correct account of all the soundings arranged in the order they were made.

I have the honour to be
very respectfully
Sir
Your obedient Serv^{t}
Jon^{a} Williams.

[176] *The following Report of the Committee, on the subject of fortifying the Harbour of New York, was read and ordered to be printed for the use of the Board.

The Committee that was appointed to carry into effect the resolution of the Corporation dated the 13th of July last, offering to cede to the United States such part of the public ground as the Secretary at War may require for the purpose of erecting fortifications for the defence of this city—and also the resolution, dated the 4th of August, offering the aid of this Board to the Executive of this state, to enable him more effectually to put in proper condition, for immediate service, the arms and ordinance belonging to the State, and to procure such military stores as the present exigencies may require—also to devise

*Marginal note reads *See. P. 590.*—ED.

such other means of defence as may be in the power of this Board to execute:

Report,

That the Secretary at War, with the other Commissioners of the United States, have determined, not only to enlarge and make durable the works on Governor's island, but [177] are now about erecting a very strong and powerful marine battery, on the Northwest point of that island, to extend on the reef, beyond low water mark, into the river. The works on Ellis' island are to be extended, and the number of guns and weight of metal greatly increased. It is also determined by the general government to erect a strong fort, with two or three tiers of guns, to extend beyond the present battery, in front of the Flag staff: also to build a block in the North river, at the foot of Duane Street, of 100. feet square, and to erect a battery thereon. When these works are completed, it is understood they will be able to bring 120 guns to bear upon any point in the bay, between Bedlow's island and the city. The Commissioners have also fixed upon the old Potters' field, as a proper place to erect laboratories and arsenals for depositing and repairing arms and military stores. The several sites, where these works are to be erected, and which are within the jurisdiction of this Board, your Committee have offered, on the part of the Corporation, to cede their right, as soon as the[y] can be made to designate the proper metes and bounds.

Although the works which are erecting under the direction of the government of the United States are proper, and may be considered very useful, as part of a general [178] system of defence, they are, however, deemed not sufficient in themselves to afford that protection against a maratime force, which will insure us safety in case of an attack. Your Committee have deliberately considered the several plans for the defence of the harbour that have been published, and others that have been handed to them; they have also caused several soundings to be made of the harbour, from the Narrows to Bedlows island, and find the shoalest water to be in a line between Red Hook and a reef of rocks on the west Flat, about half a mile below Bedlows island; and from the various information obtained, have thought it most adviseable to recommend the following plan.

To begin at a reef of rocks that is bare at low water, about half a mile to the South of Bedlows island, and run a course east by south to the southerly point of Red Hook on Long island. The distance across, on this line is about 3.000. yards, of which near 400 yards the water is 60 feet deep at low water, and the remainder varies from 40 to 16

feet in depth. A considerable part of the distance, say about 700 yards, does not exceed 16 feet at low water.

To secure this place against the passage of ships, whose draft of water exceeds 16 or 18 feet, [179] it is proposed that blocks be sunk, to consist of timber and stone, in the manner the piers of our wharves are made, the size of which to be in proportion to the depth of the water, and to secure their standing firm, to have the base always greater than the height. These blocks to be 50 feet wide in their position across the river, and to approach within 10 feet of the surface of the water at low tide, and to leave a space between each block of 50 feet. To commence sinking the blocks at Red Hook and to continue them until they come within 200 yards of the reef of rocks on the Flat beforementioned. If it should be feared that Ships might pass between the blocks, where the space left is 50 feet, that could be remedied by projecting 3 or 4 large timbers obliquely on the upper part of the blocks, with their points faced with iron, in the manner of a chevaux de frize: these might extend from each block 10 feet, which would then leave the space but 30 feet. These obstructions, being thus placed would compel all vessels, drawing more than 16 or 18 feet of water, to pass within the space of 200 yards, next the reef of rocks. At that place a fort of such strength might be erected, with two or three tiers of guns, as should be judged sufficient to defend this passage against any hostile fleet. The fort could be erected without difficulty at this place, there being several acres of ground bare at low water which is hard and firm. But as [180] an additional security against a fleet passing the fort, a number of chevaux de frize might be made and at hand. In case of an hostile fleet appearing, they could be placed in the passage in a short time. These might be removed when the danger disappeared.

A further security against forcing this passage by an enemy, would be placing in it a boom, constructed in an angular form ^ with the point outwards, to be moored with a number of grapplings and anchors. If, however, it should still be believed possible, that these obstructions may be removed, and a fleet pass through the passage intended to be left open, it is proposed, that at the distance of 200 yards to the Southward from the line of obstructions and the reef beforementioned 4 or 5 Blocks be sunk, commencing from the flat that borders the west side of the channel to extend into the channel 200 yards, so as to be parallel to the last block of the range extending from Red Hook, and to connect the outward blocks or extremities of each line of blocks with a strong boom or chain, which can here be

used with great effect, as it will ride parallel with the tide and not across it. It will then be evident, that a ship coming to New York must [181] change her course, and stand directly for the fort, and it is almost certain, that her crossing the tide would so much impede her way, that the chain would entirely arrest her progress when she would be swept, by the current, directly on the blocks and left at the mercy of the fort.

If it should be thought necessary, and admitting that this chain might possibly be forced, a like range of blocks might be made 400 yards to the north of the last mentioned line, to extend into the channel 200 yards, and be connected in the same manner as the first, with a boom and chain; this would again oblige a vessel to alter her course and stand directly from the fort; her headway, by this time, would be so impeded, that this second chain would certainly stand.

It may be said, that a fleet of ships would take the fort, and then remove the obstructions. This is admitted to be possible; but if the fort be well defended and of suitable strength, with the aid of gun-boats, which can here be used with great effect, it is reasonable to believe the fleet would also be crippled and some of them destroyed. What then would be their situation? They cannot hold the fort, for it is entirely commanded by the works on Bedlow's island, [182] and it cannot be supposed they would attempt to come to town in their disabled state, to encounter other and more numerous and powerful fortifications.

The plan of defending the city of New York, by submarine obstructions, has been objected to on several grounds. First, it has been doubted by some, whether blocks can be sunk where water is sixty feet deep, and if they can be sunk, whether they will stand the force of the current and the storms.

Second, that by placing obstructions in the channel to such an extent, it will have an injurious effect upon the current and probably affect the ebb and flow of the tide. Third, that if they could be sunk and made to stand, & would have no bad effect upon the tide, the worms in a few years would destroy the timber, and the stones would fall out, when it would require the same expence to renew them again. And fourth, that Providence has given us one of the best harbours in the world, and these obstructions would exceedingly injure the passage of ships going out and coming in, and they would occasionally get on these blocks, by which they might be injured or lost.

As to the first objection it is answered, that upon enquiry from the most experienced dock builders, they assure us there is no diffi-

culty in sinking blocks where the water does [183] not exceed 60 feet in depth, and they have no doubt of their resisting the force of the current. We see almost daily, blocks of only 30 feet square, sunk in the East and North rivers opposite the city, where the water is thirty five or forty feet deep, and the current opposite to the town, is much stronger than it is in the bay, where the obstructions are contemplated to be made. Old mariners assert, that the agitation of water in a storm, is principally on the surface, and the bottom of the sea is not disturbed in any proportion to the surface; this being the case, there can no danger arise from storms, as the blocks will not be within ten feet of the surface of the water at low tide.

The second objection has more weight, as this is a new thing and we have not experience to guide us. If it should, have the injurious effect upon the tide to the extent that some suppose, the obstructions ought certainly to be abandoned; as we have no guide to direct us, every one must exercise his own judgment. Your Committee have, however, made various calculations, that the public mind may have some data to form an opinion.

It will be observed that the extent of the harbour from Red Hook, on Long island to Cowan's Point on the Jersey shore, is near four [184] miles; that the distance of the obstructions contemplated to be made, is about one and a half miles; that the blocks take up only half the space as far as they go, and that they do not come within ten feet of the surface at low water; the whole column of water, flowing between Long island and the Jersey shore, at low water, amounts to 350.000 square feet, and the proposed obstructions amount to 77.000 square feet; not one quarter of the whole column of the water will be obstructed, and if the number of square feet be taken at half tide, the obstructions will only be one sixth part of the whole space. It would appear from these calculations, that the obstructions could have no injurious effect upon the ebb and flow of the tide; the ground and wharves made on the east side of this city, have contracted the river more than one quarter of its original breadth, and our piers now are in the deepest part of the river. It has not been observed that the tide flows less at this time at Hell gate, than it did a century past. The current no doubt, is stronger opposite the town, than it was formerly; but it is believed that the same quantity of water passes in the river now, that did before the river was contracted.

[185] The third objection is against the durability of the blocks. Your Committee have taken pains to examine some of the oldest wharves in this city.

The Crane wharf, which has been built about sixteen years, has been searched under water at low tide; the timber appears to be perfectly sound and not the least decayed. We have examined another wharf, which was said to have been built previous to the revolution; the timber of which appeared to be sound. There is no doubt there are worms in the timber; they make small holes in the logs where they enter, but do not entirely destroy the wood. From the information of the dockbuilders, who have broken up old docks, that have been built 50 years, the timber, some distance below low water mark, has been little worm eaten, but such parts as the stones have covered, has not been touched by the worms, and was as sound as when put into the wharf.

To the fourth and last objection, that it will injure the navigation. It is answered, that there will be water sufficient for nine-tenths of our vessels to sail over the obstructions and such as require a larger draft of water, at all times when the wind is fair, can pass through the space of two hundred yards [186] intended to be left unobstructed; but it may sometimes happen when the wind is a-head, the Ship will lose a few tides before a suitable time offers to come up; and there is a possibility of some being lost by getting on the blocks; but considering the great object of having the city safely protected from invasion, these objections are of small moment.

The calculations of expence to make the obstructions in the channel, will not exceed 200.000 dollars, and to raise the flat sufficiently high to erect a fort upon, of 1000 feet in length, and 100 feet in breadth, will not be more than 100.000 Dollars; the cost of building the fort, and its necessary appendages, Your Committee have not military experience sufficient to determine.

If the Corporation should think proper to adopt this plan of defence, and to proceed immediately to carry it into effect, the next question is, in what manner the funds are to be raised. It is believed from the patriotic zeal of our citizens, and from the general anxiety expressed by all persons, that something should be done, without delay, to put this city in a posture of defence; there would be no difficulty in raising by [187] loan from the citizens, a sum sufficient to effect this purpose, upon Corporation Bonds, redeemable at pleasure, the interest to be paid half yearly. There can scarcely be a doubt, but the Government of the United States will assume and pay this debt; but in case they should not, and it should ultimately fall upon the city to pay it, the debt and interest would be extinguished in three years, by doubling the usual yearly taxes. Would it not be best even

to pay the debt ourselves, rather than remain in this exposed and defenceless situation? Our interest clearly dictates the propriety of the measure.

This is a work of great magnitude, and will take more than one year to complete it. The materials are not to be had in sufficient quantities at present, but we ought to make a beginning this year with what materials can be procured, and the works may probably be finished in the course of the next summer. If we should unfortunately be involved in a war, in consequence of the present dispute with England, it will most probably take place before any effectual system of defence can be completed, and we must submit to our unhappy situation. But if the storm should blow over, we ought not to desist [188] from our determinations, to put the city in a state of defence; we cannot always promise ourselves an exemption from the calamities of war: on the 20th of June last, the country felt as secure and as confident of the continuation of peace, as it has felt for many years past; but from the events that have recently taken place, it is seen upon what an uncertain tenure the peace of nations depends. The advice of our immortal Washington ought therefore to be confided in, "that to preserve peace we ought always to be prepared "for war."

All which is submitted.
Selah Strong
Jacob Mott.
John D. Miller.

New York
August 24th 1807.

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board shall be authorized, after the recovery and receipt of any penalty under and by virtue of the Ordinance "to regulate the public markets in the City of New York," to pay over to the person, who shall give the said Attorney such information of any offence against the said Ordinance as shall enable the said Attorney to prosecute the offender to judgment, such part thereof, not exceeding one half part of the said penalty so recovered and received, as in his [189] judgment he shall deem meet and proper.

The Comptroller reported that there is in the Treasury the sum of $4600.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No 271	Capt	Nicholas Lawrence,	City Watch	$237.16
272	"	Willm Van Wart	do	237.16
273	"	John Farrington	do	217.56
274	"	John White	do	217.56
275	"	Jacob Hays	do	188.16
276	"	George Goodheart	do	188.16

No 277	James Vanderhoof & Jas Brooks—carting earth to Brannon Dock	$37.
278	William Gowdy, carting earth to Collect	22.50
279	Alexr Morton, carting for Supt of repairs	117.25
280	Thos Hazard, keeper of Bridewell, Salary for self & Turnkeys	437.50
281	John E. Giller, Marshals, executing Sunday law	60.
282	William Kay—for Well in Orchard St	31.
283.	Bartholemew Skaats, salary for self & Asst	115.33
284	John H. Sickles, on Acct of contract for Marble for New City Hall	1000.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday next for the purpose of taking into consideration the Report of the Committee on the subject of Fortifications.

[190] In Common Council, August 27th 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.
Maturine Livingston, Esquire Recorder.

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Robert Bogardus	Assistants.
Roger Strong		John Hopper Junr	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Demarest	
John P. Ritter		Gerardus Depeyster	
Selah Strong		Stephen Ludlam.	
John D. Miller		John W. Mulligan	
Thurston Wood		Benjamin Haight	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr		Samuel Torbert.	

*The Report of the Committee on the subject of protecting and fortifying the harbour of New York, was read; and after being debated

A Motion for adopting the same, was, on a division being called, carried in the [191] affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative.	
The Recorder.	Messrs Bogardus	Alderman Van Zandt	
Alderman Mott	Hopper	Messrs Mulligan	
R. Strong	Demarest	Haight	
Fish	Depeyster.	Torbert.	3
Ritter	Ludlam. 13		
S. Strong			
Miller			
Wood			

Ordered that copies of the Assessors tax Books be provided by the Comptroller to be filed in his office.

*Marginal note reads *See. P. 176.*—Ed.

[192] In Common Council, August 31st 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.
Maturine Livingston, Esquire Recorder

Roger Strong, Dep. Mayor Jacob Mott. Jacob Leroy. Thurston Wood Selah Strong John P. Ritter Wynant Van Zandt Junr John D Miller	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Gerard Depeyster Thomas Demarest Stephen Ludlam Benjamin Haight John Hopper Junr John W. Mulligan.	Assistants.

Roger Strong Esqr Alderman of the Fifth Ward produced his commission as Deputy Mayor of this city, with the approbation of the Governor thereon; and in the presence of the Mayor of the said city and named in the Commission of Dedimus potestatem for the city and county of New York, took and subscribed the Oaths of Office prescribed by law and the charter of this city.

[193] The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Capt Hays has suspended Peter Waldron a second time for sleeping on his post; and that Capt Farrington had also suspended Stephen Hall for the like offence, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial of Thomas Hazard keeper of the County prison, stating that a suit has been instituted against him by the Superintendant of Streets, for not sweeping before the Bridewell and requesting that as he had no persons whom he could employ for the purpose, that said Superintendant be directed to order his people to do the same, was read, whereupon

Ordered that the suit be discontinued and that the Superintendant provide hands for sweeping before the Bridewell.

*A Communication from Samuel Cowdrey Esqr, late Attorney of the Board, was read stating that he had received notice of trial in the suit of Stephen Colver, for tuesday next, that Mr Harrison Counsellor of the Board is absent and will not return until the rising of the Court, and as the cause is of very considerable importance, requesting that additional [194] counsel may be retained: whereupon

Ordered that Messrs Colden and Baldwin be retained, and that Alderman R. Strong and Mr Mulligan be a Committee to investigate this subject.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 169. Vol. 18. P. 252.*—Ed.

An application of Gouverneur Morris Esq[r] for a further appropriation of money for the use of the Commissioners for laying out streets and highways, was read.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Comptroller on account of said Commissioners for $1000.

Warr[t] N° 297.

A Letter from John Stevens Esq[r] of Hoboken, respecting the protection of the Harbour of New York by means of Chevaux de frize, was read and referred to the Committee on Fortifications.

A Letter from Edward Telfair Esq[r] Chairman of the Citizens of Savannah in Georgia to the Mayor, inclosing a copy of their resolutions and proceedings "relative to the late insult and daring outrage "on the United States Frigate the Chesapeake by a British Ship of "war in sight of our coast." was read and ordered to be filed.

[195] A Communication from M[r] James Hardie to the City Inspector on the subject of the vacant lots in Henry Street near the Church for the filling of which an Ordinance has been passed but not fulfilled, as the Owner or Owners cannot be found, and setting forth that said Lots continue in a state of nuisance, was read and referred to the Comptroller for his opinion on the law on this subject.

*A Petition of Waters Furman, *of Waters Furman*, John P. Anthony and Job Furman, sureties for John Bussing late Collector of assessments on Streets, relating to their suretyship, was read.

Ordered that the suits instituted against the petitioners be staid, and that the petitions be referred to the Comptroller.

Ordered that the suits against John Bussing and David Cannon upon the assessments for Third Street, Attorney Street and Gouverneur Street be also suspended, the said Bussing having rendered the return thereof.

A Letter from the Superintendant of the Alms House to the Mayor, stating the services and merits of Thomas Williams driver [196] of the public Hearse, who formerly received a compensation for his services, was read:

Ordered that he be allowed at the rate of Fifty Dollars a year, commencing from the 1[st] of January. last.

A representation of the Superintendant of the Alms House respecting the medical department of said House and Bridewell was read and referred to Alderman Ritter, Mess[rs] Haight & Torbert.

A Petition of Jacob Wilkins & others inhabitants of Cortland

* Marginal note reads *See P. 165.*—Ed.

Street, praying that they may be permitted to advance their Lots on the South side of said Street, between Washington and West Streets on the same line and on the same principles as lately granted to Abraham Bussing and others, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the third ward and the Street Commissr

An application of Charles Hewlitt to be allowed to transfer one half of his lease at Brooklyne to his brother Henry Hewlitt was read and granted.

*A Petition of Peter Ogilvie respecting the Ordinance for making a bulkhead between Grand and Cherry Street, was read and [197] referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

†A Petition of Peter Ogilvie respecting the Ordinance for making a Bulkhead between Grand and Cherry Street was read and referred to the Street Commr & Compt[r]

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Spring Orange, and Elm Streets for a Well & Pump was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward

A Petition of the inhabitants of Rynder Hester and Pitt Streets, to be provided with Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants of Rynders Street praying for a regulation of said Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward.

‡A Petition of Thomas Gardner & John Gardner for water grants at Corlaers Hook was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Sugar Loaf Street, praying that the whole of the carriage way in said Street may be paved was read and referred to the St Commr

||A Petition of Oliver Jacques with a return of the names of persons who have [198] paid their Assessment on Canal Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following report was read and confirmed.

§The Committee to whom the Petitions of Catharine McAvee and Mary Carlow, and the widow of Robert Thomas were referred:

Report that after having viewed the tenements occupied by the petitioners in William Street, and taking also into consideration their state and condition both as to their ages and ability. They are of opinion that a lease be granted of Lot No 126 William Street, to

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 238. 253.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *twice entered by mistake.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 238. 253.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 249 270.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See, Vol. 16. P. 343.*—ED.

Catherine M^cAvee and Mary Carlow for and during the term of their natural lives and while in the occupancy of the premises at the yearly rent of sixty dollars. And that a lease be granted to the widow of *Robert Thomas of Lot N° 161. William Street, originally leased to Elias Hoffman, for and during her natural life and while in the occupancy of the premises at the yearly rent of Twenty Five Dollars.

All which is submitted.

Aug^t 31. 1807. Jn° P. Ritter.
J. Morton.

[199] †The Report of the Comptroller respecting Water grants to Mess^rs Rhinelanders was called up, and ordered to lie over until the next meeting.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Richard Clarkson of delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Montgomery Street. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner presented returns made by John Bussing late Collector, of delinquents on the assessments for a bulkhead in Vesey Slip.

And for a drain in Oak, S^t James Street and Batavia lane.

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payments be issued in favour of Rich^d Clarkson.

The Street Commissioner presented returns made by John Bussing, late Collector of delinquents on the following assessments,

1. for regulating and paving Mulberry Street from Bayard to Hester Street.
2. for regulating Spring Street from Bowery to Broadway.
3. for paving Grand Street from Bowery to Second Street.
4. [200] For regulating Orange Street from Grand to Prince Street.
5. For regulating Mott Street from Grand to Prince Street.
6. For paving Third Street from Bowery to Stanton Street.
7. For regulating Attorney Street from Broome to Stanton Street, and
8. For regulating Gouverneur Street from Lombard to Division Street.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Clarkson

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 326.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 141. 234 255 265 360 412.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return made by Samuel L. Page of delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Cherry Street, from Gouverneur Street to Corlaers Hook.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner presented an account of Gershom Anson* for digging out David Street, amounting to $421.47½

Warᵗ Nº 298. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour, on account for $200.

On a representation of the City Inspector recommending the measure, the following reso- [201] lution was passed.

Resolved that the 5ᵗʰ section of the Law "to prevent nuisances and "to provide for the public health of this city" which prohibits the introduction of Oysters into this city from the 1ˢᵗ June to the last day of September be suspended.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from Nº 3727 to Nº 3740. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that the Pump in Greenwich Street, at the intersection of Murray Street be removed to the side walk.

Resolved that the Freedom of this City and the thanks of this Board be presented to Colonel Jonathan Williams for his prompt and judicious services rendered on the subject of protecting and fortifying the Port and Harbour of New York, and that the Clerk be directed to furnish him with a copy of this resolution.†

The Artist, Mʳ Hardenbrook, gave notice that he has compleated the Supply Fire Engine and requested the Corporation to attend at the foot of Murray Street on Monday next at 3 o'clock [202] to examine and see its performance.

The following Resolution was presented.

‡Resolved that eight Piers be sunk in the Channel opposite Oyster reef without delay. The First pier to be sunk Six hundred feet from said Reef and the other piers alternately three hundred feet distant from each other. That immediate notice be given in the public papers, that contracts will be received at the Comptrollers office until the 3ᵈ of September, the contracts to specify the number of Piers each contractor will engage to sink and the price per cubic foot.

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* Marginal note reads *See. P. 32 229.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 205.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 241.*—Ed.

Dimensions

1st Pier to be 50 feet by 50 & 31 feet high.
2d do 50. do 50. 36. do
3d do 60 do at bottom. brought in to 50 feet at top in its position across the channel and 70 feet at bottom & 50 feet at top up and down the channel.
4th, 5th, 6th } Piers of same dimensions as the 3d
7th & 8th } Piers to be 60 feet at bottom and brought into 50 feet at top & each 50 feet wide.

That One hundred Thousand Dollars [203] be loaned of the Banks but only Twenty five thousand Dollars at one time. That the money so loaned be deposited in the Treasury and the Treasurer be directed to open an account under the head of Fortifications, and that the money so loaned be used solely for the purpose of fortifying this city.

A division being called, it passed in the Affirmative as follows

	Affirmative		Negative
	The Recorder	Messrs Demarest	Messrs Mulligan
Aldermen	R. Strong	Ludlam	Haight.
	Mott	Hopper	
	Wood		
	S. Strong		
	Ritter		
	Miller		

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 285	Nicholas Carmer Supt of repairs for Engine Houses.....	$138.26
[204]		
286	Nichs Carmer &c for wells & pumps.....	84.
287	" Markets	23.33
288	" Salary & for City Hall.....	55.25
289	Matthew Dykeman, repairs to Wells & Pumps.....	123.97
290	Daniel McFarlane. do	124.18
291	D. Warham. carts for Supt of repairs.....	2.
292	Oliver Waldron. Supt of roads.....	659.58
293	James J. Myers do	786.97
294	John Declew. Salary Inspr of Bread.....	78.17
295	James Hardie. Salary &c.....	69.50
296	Edward Moran do	52.
297	Fosdick & Davis, painting Engine Houses.....	37.48
298	Daniel Davis, repairs to wells & pumps.....	52.12
299	Jacob Morton, on acct of Commr of Streets &c.....	1000.
300	Gershom Anson, on Acct digging David Street.....	200.

[205] In Common Council, Sept^{r} 7th 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott John P. Ritter Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt, Jun^{r} John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen.	Mess^{rs} Gerard Depeyster Samuel Torbert Stephen Ludlam Andrew Morris Thomas Demarest John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Cap^{t} Lawrence had suspended Ambrose Brown for losing his Watch cap, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Letter from Colonel Jonathan Williams was presented, acknowledging the honour conferred on him by the Resolution* of the Common Council of the 31st Ult^{o}

A Petition of Mess^{rs} Hulsart & Stagg† [206] representing that they had regulated Rivington Street without having received any monies on the assessment was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas Hobbs to be permitted to set up a Butchers Stall in Chatham Square, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John K. Floor for a stall in Duane Market was referred to the same Committee.

A Remonstrance of Isaac L. Kip and Gabriel Furman respecting the repaving [of] Pine Street was read and referr'd to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 1st and 3^{d} Wards, and the execution of the Ordinance was ordered to be suspended.

A Petition of Jacob Jeroleman for a stall in Duane Market was referred to the Market Committee.‡

A Petition of the inhabitants in North Street for the regulation thereof, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Vesey Street respecting the Auctioneers in said Street was received.

[207] A Report of the Trustees of the African Free School, made agreeably to law, was received and ordered to be filed.

An Application of John Garb for permission to build a vault in

* Marginal note reads *See P. 201.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 216.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 295.*—Ed.

Brannon Street was granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various nuisances from N° 3741. to 3754. inclusive

Ordered that the same do pass.

Warr[t] N° 321. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles on account of the Building Committee for $1000.

Resolved that the Committee appointed the 13[th] July last on the subject of protecting and fortifying the harbour of New York be discharged.

Resolved that*

Aldermen Mott, Ritter, Miller, Messrs Bogardus and Depeyster be appointed a committee to devise ways and means, by way of a loan from individuals or the Banks for the purpose of carrying into effect the Resolution of this Board [208] adopted the 27[th] Ult° to protect and fortify the harbour of New York, and to report thereon.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the Assessments for paving Magazine Street from Elm Street to Chatham Street, and for paving Cross Street from Chamber to Magazine Street.

Ordered that warrants be issued in favour of Oliver Jacques to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Barley Street from Elm to Cross Streets, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an estimate made by Hugh Brice† to regulate all that part of Elm Street in which the Corporation are interested for the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars, and recommended that the same be accepted, which was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner represented the propriety of accepting any offers that might be made for delivering earth at the Collect at 5. Cents per load; which was confirmed, He being charged to take proper [209] measures to secure the delivery of fair and honest loads.

The following report was read and Ordered to lie for consideration.

‡The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Huestis praying a grant of water lots from the North of a lot upon the Hudson river owned by William Ferguson to Vesey Street.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 211. 241.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 250. 292.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 91.*—Ed.

Reports, that the ground in front of which the Petitioner prays a water grant is owned by the Corporation of Trinity Church and is now under lease to different persons.

From the construction which the Comptroller gives to the law upon this subject he is of opinion that the Corporation are, in the first instance, restrained from making those grants to any but the owners of the adjacent grounds.

He is therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jacob Morton

Sept^{r} 7th 1807. Comptroller.

[210] The Comptroller reported a Ballance in the Treasury amounting to ..... $3070.

The following Fireman was appointed, the Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy: viz^{t}

N^{o} 26.

Benjamin Banks, Bedlow Street, 7th Ward
vice John Andrews, deceased.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

N^{o} 301.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$237.16
302.	" William Van Wart do	.....	237.16
303.	" John Farrington do	.....	217.56
304.	" John White do	.....	217.56
305	" Jacob Hays do	.....	188.16
306	" George Goodheart. do	.....	188.16
307.	William Kay, repairs to Wells	.....	65.12
308.	Andrew Leary, repairs to Engine Houses	.....	80.62
309.	do " to Docks	.....	17.25
310.	do " to Alms H^{o} & Bridewell	.....	25.50
311.	do " to Watch Houses	.....	11.62
312	do " to City Hall	.....	27.
313.	do " to Pumps	.....	38.25
314	do " to Markets	.....	96.
315.	McDonald & Burts. repairs to Pumps	.....	38.25
316	Joseph Boyd, carting for Sup^{t} of repairs	.....	93.50
317.	Porri & Rinaldi for Barometer &c	.....	44.50
318.	Corn^{s} Wynkoop, services collecting revenues	.....	184.
[211]			
319.	Oliver Waldron, for guards at Powder House	.....	303.17
320	William Dustan, paving intersec^{n} of Oak S^{t}	.....	12.75
321	John H. Sickles, Building Committee	.....	1000.

A Motion was made and seconded for an Adjournment.

Mr Mulligan gave notice that he should, at the next meeting, move for a reconsideration of the Committee of ways and means* appointed by the Mayor.

[212] In Common Council Septr 14. 1807.

Present Marinus Willett Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Samuel Torbert	Assistants.
Jacob Leroy.		Andrew Morris	
Wynant Van Zandt Junr		Thomas Demarest	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller		John W. Mulligan	
John P. Ritter.		John Hopper Junr	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Capt Lawrence had suspended John Dusenberry for being drunk on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

Reports, agreeably to law, were received from the following religious Societies of the application of monies received for the use of their respective Schools, vizt

Trinity Church
[213] German Lutheran Church
German Reformed Church
Methodist Church
First Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church.

A Petition of George Shelden Butcher for a stand in Duane Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Communication from the Comptroller respecting the Ballance due the Corporation by Henry Remmey late Superintendant of Scavengers,† was read, Whereupon

Ordered that the Comptroller deliver said Remmeys bond to the Attorney of the Board to prosecute for said ballance.

The following report was read

A Communication from James Hardie respecting a vacant Lot in Harman Street, which required being filled up, having been referred to the Comptroller with directions to report his opinion as to the law upon the subject, he respectfully Reports,

That by the 14th section of the Act passed the 3d April 1801 for the purpose of regulating Streets &c. it is directed that whenever the owner or occupants of a vacant lot shall neglect [214] or refuse to fill up &c. the same in manner as is ordered by the Common

* Marginal note reads *See P. 207.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 445. 467. Vol. 19. P. 117.*—Ed.

Council it shall be lawful for the Common Council to cause the same to be done and the expence attending the same shall be a Lien on the Lot, to be recovered by suit against the Owner or any other future owner or occupant.

The only remedy therefore that the Corporation have in this and similarly circumstanced cases is to wait until the Owner shall be discovered and then proceed against him for the expences.

J. Morton.

Sept^{r} 14th 1807 Compt^{r}

Ordered that the Comptroller confer with the Council of the Board and prepare the draft of a Bill to be forwarded to the Legislature to enable this Board to recover monies that may be advanced for raising and improving Vacant Lots the owners of which are unknown or cannot be found: And also to amend the Act, relative to the collection of taxes, so as to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this city to recover the assessment upon Lots of which the owners are unknown or cannot be found.

[215] A Petition of the inhabitants in Provost and North Moore Streets for the regulating said Streets between Greenwich and West Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following Report was read and confirmed

The Committee to whom the several Petitions praying for a reduction of ground rent in Chatham Street were referred

Report on the petition of Henry Titus* That from the present situation and advantages of the premises, it would be inexpedient to make any reduction on the rent at present. On the Petition of Edward Dartnell, Leonard Goetz and others,† Your Committee are of opinion that the present ground rent of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars on lots of thirty feet on the South east side of Chatham Street ought to remain, and that it be a fixed rule for the Comptroller to lease, till otherwise directed by the Board, all such lots as the leases thereof shall expire on the South east side of Chatham Street at the yearly rent of two hundred and fifty dollars, generally; and on the North west side of said Street from the Arsenal to Barley Street at the yearly rent of Two hundred dollars.

On the petition of Lawrence Heyer, Your Committee on examination find that the lots [216] of the Petitioner are only twenty five feet each in front, and are therefore of opinion that the yearly rent of the lots be equalized in proportion to thirty feet lots that yield

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 369.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 404.*—Ed.

Two hundred and Fifty dollars rent: And as one of the lots exceeds the other in depth they recommend that lot N° 103. be leased at the yearly rent of two hundred & ten dollars twenty cents, And lot N° 102. at the yearly rent of two hundred and Six dollars fifty cents.

All which is Submitted.
Jn° P. Ritter
Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert.

Sept^r 14^th 1807.

The Street Commissioner reported that the referrees appointed by the Corporation and Ithacar Bouker and his associates to decide upon the price to be paid for the extra work done at Post's bridge in the Manhattan Avenue had agreed upon the sum of Thirty Dollars.

Warr^t N° 327. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of said Bouker for that amount.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the* Petition of Mess^rs Hulsart & Stagg, reported that a difficulty has existed in collecting the money upon the warrant issued against [217] the delinquents on the assessment for regulating Rivington Street, in consequence of the present Occupant, M^r Benjamin Judah, who purchased the premises since the assessment, not being named in the said warrant, and recommending the Board to authorize him to insert that name for the said purpose, and that it was inexpedient from the present state of the treasury to make an advance to said Hulsart & Stagg, which was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for paving the east side of Peck slip, between the store of Jacob Mott Esquire and South Street which was passed.

The following Communication from the Street Commissioner was read;

The Street Commissioner has the honour to communicate that he has this morning attended with Colonel Williams at Duane Street Basin to ascertain the quantity and position of the water right he wishes the Corporation to convey to the United States for fortifications at that place.† The letter from him to the Chairman of the Committee of the Common Council, herewith presented, dated in August last, inserted at end of this report P. 221. mentions a [218] distance of 300 feet in a North and South direction parallel to the intended permanent line, which he has now agreed will be

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 205.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 224. 296.*—Ed.

sufficient for his purposes, provided he has an indefinite line from his eastern limits into the river.

In order to preserve the revenue of the wharves and basin as much as practicable the subscriber has pointed out the grounds to be occupied by the United States as portrayed on the sketch herewith presented and to which he begs leave to refer. To this area Colonel Williams has given his consent giving him free egress and regress over the pier to a draw bridge leading to the works. To be more particular, the Street Commissioner begs leave to describe the grounds by references to the map as follows:

1st A. B. C. D represents the ground required by Col. Williams.

2d A to E is a space of 20 feet over which is to be a draw bridge, up at night, to let vessels pass into the basin No 2.

3d A is to be 50 feet east of F and the line from A to B is to be 300 feet long and parallel to the permanent line, to the east of which the Corporation are to retain the right wharfage.

4th From A to G a line of 250 feet in the extent [219] of ground to be built upon. The other 50 feet from G to B is intended by Col. Williams as a water lot, and to be used by the Corporation in common with the citizens when not in use by the government.

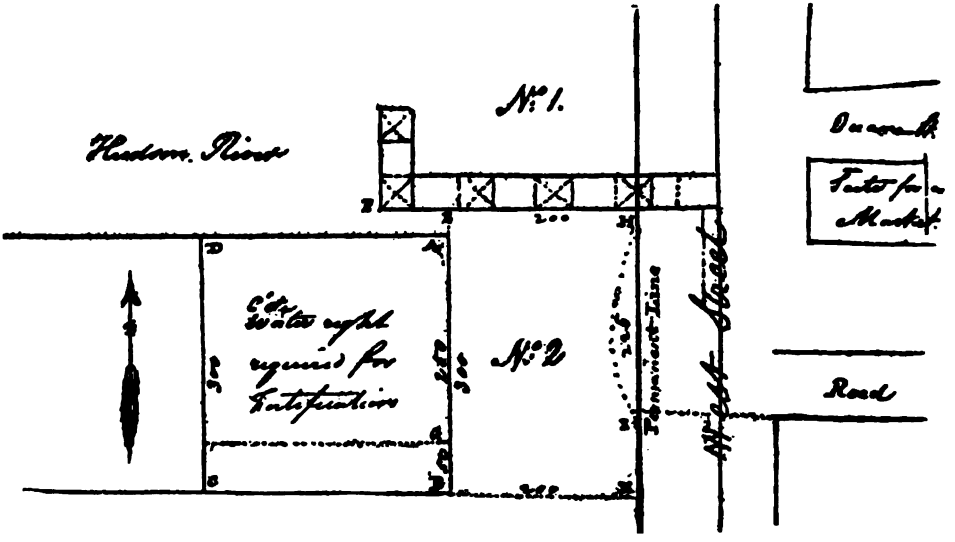
5th The distance from H. to I. being the space the Street Commissioner believes the Corporation have an indisputable right to, is about 225 feet, being 95 less southerly than the line of the intended grant. This 95 feet trenches of course upon the waters fronting upon the block between Chamber and Warren Streets and will deprive those proprietors of so much of their future water right into the river. How far the Corporation possess the right to grant this space to the United States is not for the Street Commissioner to determine. Upon this subject however he will remark that no water grants have as yet been issued in that vicinity.

By this arrangement it will be perceived that due regard has been had to the preservation of the Corporate revenue, and that the works in front of the line from H to K will afford a fine shelter for small craft or sloops and deprive the Corporation of no part of their wharfage except the small space of 50 feet from E to F where it is indispensably necessary to have the draw bridge before mentioned.

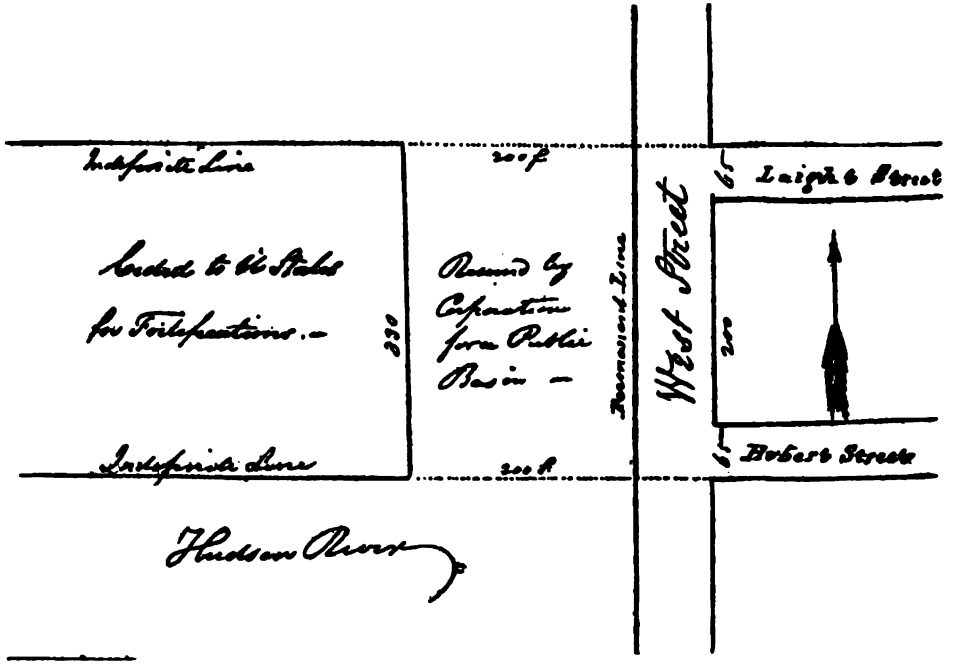
The Street Commissioner hopes this arrange- [220] ment will meet the approbation of the Common Council and request to know whether he shall direct the survey and maps for the cession to the United States to be made in conformity therewith.

All which is respectfully submitted

Septr 14. 1807. John S. Hunn.



Memorandum. This site was afterwards changed for one more eligible situate between Hubert & Laight Streets*



* Marginal note reads *See P. 296.*—Ed.

[221] Colonel Williams Letter to Alderman Selah Strong, referred to in the preceding Report.

Fort Columbus. Aug^{t} 1807

Sir

The number and variety of my late duties and the difficulty of fixing determinate lines on a watery surface have delayed my application to you for certain cessions of submarine and other territory to the United States in conformity to the resolution of the Corporation of the 13th of July. It is impossible to determine the precise limits in the submarine cessions, and owing to the granted water lots on the North river the distance from the point of the Battery will necessarily be greater than at first intended. I would therefore propose that the grant be made in a line from the salient angle of the bastion of the battery in a direction S. 77. W. towards Ellis' island to the edge of the channel and on each side of that line, to any distance that may be occupied by the United States not exceeding two hundred feet at right angles from that line northwards, and two hundred feet southwards, granting however only so much as shall be absolutely occupied, with a water lot [222] of fifty feet on each side and to the channel in front with a right of egress and regress to and across the Battery to the main street. In like manner I would propose that the grant of the Corporation's property near Rhinelanders wharf should be restricted on the inside by the quantity of space the Corporation thinks proper to reserve as a place for vessels to be within; to leave it unlimited towards the channel; but the space to be limitted by two parallel lines three hundred feet distant from each other and perpendicular to the front line of the wharves and a water lot of fifty feet on each side of the works that shall be actually made. The Corporation may further restrict, if they please, that the Bridge to be made to connect the Fort with the shore shall have a draw in it sufficient for vessels to pass and repass.

I inclose an extract of a letter from the Governor, by which it appears that the grant of Pottersfield must be made by this Corporation and I would propose to have the place designated by the existing fences in the open square behind the house and garden of that place at the angle of the intersecting roads now occupied. The Magazine, Arsenal, Labaratory, Workshops &c: &c: proposed to be built should [223] not be exposed to any buildings near them on either side on account of the danger of Fire. I should therefore think it proper for the line to extend to the road on each side and so wide as to admit a

large yard to be inclosed which may also serve for a deposit for various purposes. The metes and bounds of this may be ascertained by the City surveyor; and I will attend him at any moment that may be agreable, on notice being given me the day before.

Your obd hum. Servt

Selah Strong Esq
Chairman &ca

Jonathan Williams

Extract of a letter from His Excellency Governor Tompkins to Colonel Williams.

New York. 25th July. 1807.

Sir

"The land around the Bastion of the old Battery belongs to the Corporation of New York, together with the land on the Battery which will be necessary to answer the purposes of fortification."

"The land at Pottersfield originally belonged to the Corporation. They granted it to the State for the use of an Arsenal, but as it has not been applied to that use by the State, and as by an act of the Legislature a lease which the [224] Surveyor General had given of it was directed to be assigned to the Corporation and the rent which had been received in the mean time was ordered to be refunded to them. it is presumed the right of the State was relinquished and that the property revested in the Corporation. At any rate I think their title will be deemed adequate, and that you will have nothing to apprehend from any interference with you by the Agents of the State."

"The resolution of the Corporation of the 13th inst. embraces the whole property belonging to them. It will therefore be necessary for you only to furnish them with the precise limits and boundaries of the land required to answer your objects and a conveyance will be forthwith executed therefor."

Ordered that the Comptroller prepare a deed in conformity, on condition that the premises be applied by the United States for the sole purpose of erecting a Fortification for the defence of this city to be commenced forthwith.*

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the survey of the shores of this city, lately ordered to be made, to be completed and a plan thereof presented to this Board at the next [225] meeting.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner were directed to confer with Mr Thomas Ten Eyck† on the subject of his petition for reim-

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 217.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 19. 93. 267.*—Ed.

bursement of part of the expence for making a Pier on the East side of Coenties slip.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to employ a suitable person, on his own responsibility, to collect the public revenues, in place of Mr Cornelius Wynkoop who declines the duty.

Resolved that the Watch Committee* confer with the Fire Department, on the subject of a late resolution of this Board prohibiting Watchmen from being Members of Fire Companies.

Resolved that the east side of Broad Street between the mouth of the Common sewer and the intersection of Front Street be taken up and repaired and that the collateral entrances to the Main sewer, within that space, be taken up, repaired and constructed upon such plan as the Street Commissioner shall direct: And that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to prepare an ordinance for that purpose, as well as an ordinance for the paving the head of Whitehall Slip and the adjacent grounds where paving may be necessary.†

Warrt No 328. [226] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House for $3000.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 9.

Henry Denney Junr Cooper. 61 Front St v. Richd Ten Eyck resd
D. Crawley Tinman. 31. Nassau St v. Jas Connor do

No 16.

Webley Slocum. Shoemaker, 24. Liberty St v. Edwd Schieffln removed

No 23.

Ichabod Craig, Carpenter, v. Lawrence Moore.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 322.	Daniel McFarlan, repairs to pumps	$143.12
323.	James Hogan, repaving intersections	97.33
324.	Zebulon Inslee, carting earth to Collect	120.70
325.	John Downen, work in Chapel Street	3.
326.	Richard Harison, Counsellor, half year salary	250.
327.	I. Bouker, Balle awarded, by resolutn of this day	30.
328.	Richard Furman, Supt of Alms House	3000.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 166.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 234.*—Ed.

[227] In Common Council Sept^r 21, 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor.

Roger Strong, Deputy Mayor Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Thomas Demarest Andrew Morris Gerard Depeyster Benjamin Haight Robert Bogardus.

Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Cap^t Farrington had suspended

Stephen Hall, for sleeping on his post.

That Cap^t Goodheart had suspended

John Brown, for intoxication,

John Taylor & William Morgan for sleeping on their posts

That Cap^t White had also suspended

Hosea Jones, for the like offence

was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

[228] A Petition of the inhabitants for repaving Thames Street* was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of John J. Glover respecting the warrant issued against him on the assessment for the regulation of Montgomery Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Mooney† for a stand in Duane Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Waldron for a stand in the same Market, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Cornelius King for a stand in the same Market was referred to the same Committee.

A Proposal from Messrs Roe & Hazard to hire the cellar under Duane Market was referred to the Comptroller.‡

An application of Philip Brasher Esq^r to transfer the lease of a lot of Common land N° 85. to Doctor David Hosack, was referred to the Comptroller with power to transfer.

A Letter from Robert Lylburne on the subject of his lot of Common lands was read [229] and referred to the Comptroller.‖

A Petition of Alhamas Van Houten and others complaining of an encroachment on Pump Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 250. 424.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 296.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 239.*—Ed. ‖ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 269.*—Ed.

A Petition of the Owners and inhabitants for regulating Sixth Street* between Rivington and Stanton Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas Holliday grocer and tavernkeeper praying the remission of the penalty for keeping a gambling house and selling liquors on Sunday contrary to Law, was rejected.

An application of Philip Jacobs for permission to build a vault in Broadway was granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Warrt N° 243. A Communication from the Street Commissioner inclosing an account of Gershom Anson† for digging out David Street, amounting to $576.90. recommending the further sum of $200 to be paid on Account was confirmed.

A further demand of said Anson for work in said Street was referred to Aldermen Wood, Fish and Mr Hopper.

[230] ‡The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for paving Rivington Street from Bowery to Norfolk Street which was *was* confirmed and William Dustan appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported returns of delinquents on vacant Lots assessed for regulating Elm Street and Mulberry Street, requesting authority from the Board to advertise the same as well as all other vacant lots bound by a clause in an Act of the Legislature relating to the subject passed April 2. 1806.

Ordered that said report be confirmed and that the Street Commissioner be invested with adequate powers to carry the same into effect.

The Street Commissioner reported that the Contractor for regulating part of Front Street has long since completed his work without receiving any payment therefor and that the Assessors had hitherto neglected to discharge this duty: whereupon

Resolved that the Assessors appointed to make an estimate and assessment for regulating Front Street|| between Peck slip and [231] James Slip be requested by the Street Commissioner to prepare and deliver to him such assessment before the next meeting of this Board or assign, in writing, a sufficient reason for not performing the same.

The following Communication from the Street Commissioner was received.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to communicate to the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 281.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 200.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 31.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 252.*—ED.

Board that he has been at the Old Potter's field with Colonel Williams to point out, more particularly, the ground intended to be ceded to the United States, and mentioned to him that a Street lying at right angles from Bloomingdale road to Albany Avenue cutting off an angle from the rear of the public grounds, was long since intended to be opened by conversations with General Bailey upon that subject, who owns the grounds adjoining thereto. Colonel Williams approved of the arrangement as the public grounds would then be surrounded by spacious streets and the property in the vicinity be more protected from the explosion of a magazine in case such an accident should happen. And he requested the Street Commissioner to obtain from General Bailey his determination, and if possible to settle the streets previous to the cession.*

[232] The Street Commissioner has further to communicate that he has been, likewise, on the ground with Gen. Bailey and finds him willing to make a fair exchange of ground which will be cut by the aforesaid street according to such principle as may be settled by referrees reciprocally chosen and named Jacob Shute as a referree on his part, if the plan was agreed to by the Common Council.

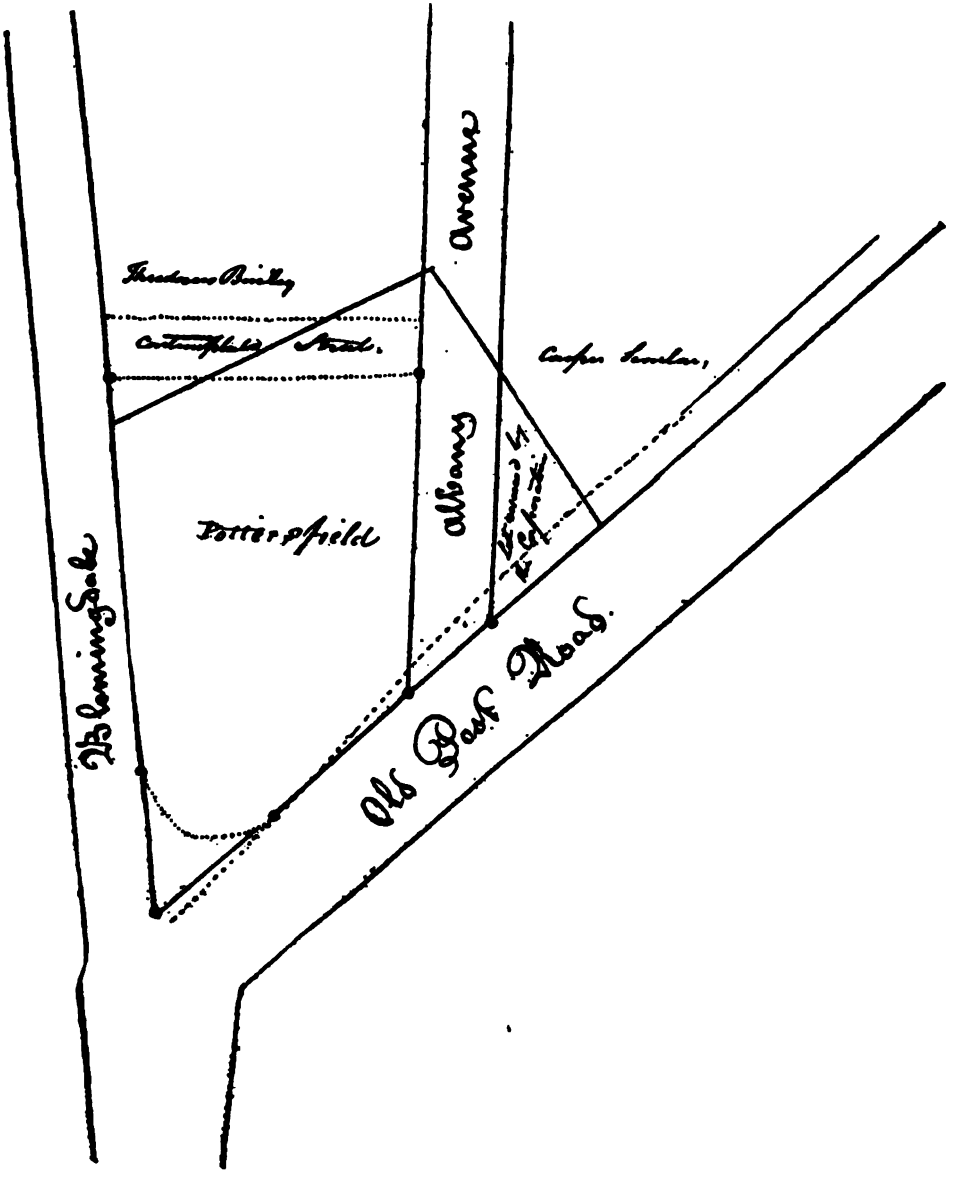
The Street Commissioner believes it will be productive of public good to comply with this arrangement, and recommends that George Gosman, who resides in the vicinity, be appointed on the part of the Corporation to settle the proportionate value of the ground in question, the position of which may be better understood by inspection of the annexed map to which the Street Commissioner begs leave to refer.†

The Street Commissioner also submits to the Board whether it would not be better to straighten, or make straighter, the north side of the old post road along the public grounds by bringing out the line as marked on said map about 20 feet where the road is now 144 feet wide and where it has a considerable and unpleasant bend. This alteration can be [233] made without any personal inconvenience and will increase the triangle proposed by the subscriber to be reserved on the east side of the Albany Avenue and which the United States do not want.

All which is respectfully submitted

September 21. 1807. John S. Hunn.
Street Commiss^{r}

* Marginal note reads *See P. 247. 360.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 247.*—ED.


Avenue
Albany
Potter's field
Old Post Road

[234] *The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for repaving part of Broad Street and the head of Whitehall Slip which was passed and Nicholas Van Antwerp, Abraham Brinckerhoff Junr Samuel Tooker, James W. Lent and Jacob Sherrard were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from Nº 3755 to 3777 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller report a state of facts relating to Messrs Rhinelanders petition for water grants in Hudson river.†

Resolved that a fit and convenient building be erected at the charge and expence of this Corporation and under the direction of the Market Committee and the Street Commissioner at some convenient place at or near the foot of Duane Street on the North river for the purpose of accomodating the Watchmen of the third Watch district.

The Comptroller reported a Ballance in the Treasury amounting to $1040.

[235] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

Nº 329.	Captᵗ Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	.....	$237.16
330	" William Van Wart dº	.....	237.16
331	" John Farrington dº	.....	217.56
332	" John White dº	.....	217.56
333	" Jacob Hays dº	.....	188.16
334	" George Goodheart dº	.....	188.16
335	John Hardie, repair of drain at the Collect	.....	27.25
336	William Gowdy, carting earth to Collect	.....	3.70
337	Caleb Archer, Planks for Gaol	.....	85.29
338	Castle & Fine, repairs to Pumps & Wells	.....	52.
339	Daniel Davis dº dº	.....	63.18
340	John Griffith, allowᵉ for Pump & Well corner of William Street & Maiden lane	.....	17.
341	Matthew Banks, repairs to Pumps & Wells	.....	42.66
342	John E. Giller—Marshal executs Sunday Law	.....	12.
343	Gershom Anson, on Accᵗ of digging David Street	.....	200.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 225.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P 255.*—Ed.

[236] In Common Council, Sept[r] 28[th] 1807.

Present Marinus Willett Esq[r] Mayor.

Roger Strong. Deputy Mayor Selah Strong Jacob Mott Nicholas Fish Jacob Leroy. Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt Jun[r]	Esquires Aldermen	Mess[rs] Samuel Torbert Gerard Depeyster Thomas Demarest Benjamin Haight John Hopper, Jun[r] Andrew Morris Robert Bogardus Stephen Ludlam John W. Mulligan	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Cap[t] White had suspended John Striker, and Adrian Marinus for sleeping on their posts.

and that Cap[t] Goodheart had suspended

George M[c]Camman, for the like offence was referred to the Watch Committee.

[237] A Report from Cap[t] Goodheart that

Ambrose Dobbs, of his Company has resigned and recommending William Harrison, to be appointed in his place, was referred to the Watch Committee.

Petitions of Jacob Tier Jun[r]* William Neilson, and Samuel Ackerman Butchers for stands in Duane Market were severally referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Anthony Jones, respecting the survey of Thompson Street was referred to Mess[rs] Bogardus, Torbert & Ludlam.†

A Petition of William J. Waldron and Thomas Duggan respecting the House of John M[c]Cammon in Canal Street obstructing the same, which house is said, was not included in the former estimate of damages, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Representations were received from the Attorney of the Board and Clerk of Police setting forth that

Tim Corry. N[o] 50 upper Barley Street,

Lawrence Cristie, corner of Cross & Barley S[ts]

Thomas Smith 91. Bowery, and

Samuel Armstrong Henry Street, [238] tavernkeeper, permitted gambling in their respective Houses:

Ordered that the Attorney prosecute the recognizances of the aforesaid persons.

*Marginal note reads *See P. 296.*—Ed.

†Marginal note reads *See Report P. 344.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner reported that James W. Lent, on account of sickness in his family, and Nicholas Van Antwerp, as being interested, declined serving as Assessors on the Ordinance for repaving part of Broad Street, whereupon

Henry J. Wyckoff & Thomas Storm } were appointed in their places.

The Street Commissioner presented a draft of a bond to be signed by the Corporation for the settlement of the question between them and George Janeway Esq[r] relating to Cross Street, which was approved and ordered to be executed.*

A Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the Petition of Peter Ogilvie† relating to the extension of Cherry Street into the East river; and on the Petition of John and Thomas Gardiner‡ relative to water grants opposite their property at Corlaers Hook, was read and ordered to lie over for consideration.

[239] The Street Commissioner reported difficulties with respect to paving Pine Street between Broadway and William Street, which were referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the First, Second and Third Wards to be adjusted.

The following Report was read,

‖The Comptroller to whom was referred the subject of leasing the cellar of the market at the foot of Duane Street.

Reports, that he is of opinion that a better rent would be obtained by giving a Lease for a term of years than by leasing it yearly. He would therefore recommend that it be leased for the term of twenty one years, and as the business at that part of the town is not yet such as to authorize the expectation of a high rent, he would recommend that it be leased for the first Ten years at the rate of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum and for the remainder of the term at Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted

J. Morton
Compt[r]

Sept. 28[th] 1807.

Ordered that the premises be exposed by the Comptroller at public auction to be rented to the highest bidder for the term of Five Years from the 1[st] day of May next.§

* Marginal note reads *See Award. P. 441. & Vol. 16. P. 336.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 196. 253.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 197. 253.*—ED. ‖ Marginal note reads *See P. 228.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Report P. 293.*—ED.

[240] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from N° 3778. to N° 3781. inclusive

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that four of the Constables of this city be employed by the Commissioners of the Alms House, for the purpose of bringing up for examination all vagrants, negroes, common prostitutes and other persons likely to become chargeable, whom they may suspect have not gained a legal settlement, to the end that they may be removed before the winter sets in.

Resolved further, that the Magistrates so arrange themselves as that one of them attend with the Commissioners of the Alms House, for the purpose of taking examinations, at 3 o'clock P. M. on each day for the space of twelve days next ensuing, Sundays excepted.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the facts stated in a certain petition of the inhabitants at the foot of Vesey Street and that all proceedings, on the part of the Board, relative to the collection of the assessment be suspended, until the report* of the Committee.

[241] Alderman R. Strong
Messrs Haight
Demarest and
the St Commissioner } were appointed on this Committee.

†Resolved that the Resolution of this Board of the 31st day of August last, providing for the sinking of eight piers in the channel opposite Oyster reef, and the resolution of the seventh instant, appointing a Committee of Ways and means‡ for protecting and fortifying the harbour of New York, be and the same are hereby severally rescinded.

The following Resolution was offered by Alderman R. Strong,|| the consideration of which was postponed.

Whereas on the 27th Ult° this Corporation did, under the then apparent existing exigency, accept and adopt the Report of its Committee of the 24th Ult° made relative to the protecting and fortifying the harbour of New York: therefore

Resolved that

be a standing Committee of this Board, and be denominated, "The Committee of Defence," to devise, take and pursue such measures as

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 283.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 202.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 207.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 273.*—Ed.

shall appear to the said Committee most fit [242] and best calculated to carry the said Report and the objects therein contemplated and proposed into effect; always submitting however the Acts, propositions and doings of the said Committee to this Board, for its approbation or rejection. And further Resolved, that the said Committee do forthwith procure or cause to be copied or made a correct and ample Map or Chart of the harbour and port of New York and its adjacent waters, islands and head lands; and delineate and lay down thereon a representation of the plan of defence contemplated by the said report; to the end that the same, together with a statement and calculation of the expences necessary to make and complete the works or system of defence, proposed by the said Report, to be also made by the said Committee, may be, under the direction of this Board laid before His Excellency the President for the use of Congress. And also that the said Committee cause a copy of such Map or Chart and statement and calculation to be laid before the Executive of this State without delay, to the end that His Excellency may submit the same to the Legislature of this State; thereby to aid the Legislature or Executive in having such Communi- [243] cation with the national government, on this subject, as may be deemed requisite. And otherwise to aid the Legislature in passing such Act, for the cession of ground and land under water belonging to the State, to the United States, as may be deemed fit and necessary.

NB. A copy of said Report and of this Resolution to accompany the Chart &c^{a}

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N^{o} 344.	Daniel M^{c}Farlane, repairs of Pumps	$181.62
345.	John Bonsall, for Plank &c^{a} furnished Sup^{t} of repairs	152.25
346.	George Youle, Lead for pumps	465.55
347.	Alexander M^{c}Dougal, Iron work for Docks	252.10
348.	John Burger, Coroner's bill	126.25
349.	Saltus Son & C^{o} for signal Flags	24.60
350	John Pintard, to defray expences attending surveying the harbour	254.67
351	Daniel M^{c}Farlen, Pump in Hammond S^{t}	27.
352.	John H. Sickles, on Acc^{t} of Building Comm^{e}	1000.
353.	Bartholw Skaats—to purchase Fuel	100.

[244] In Common Council. Oct^{r} 5th 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esquire, Mayor

Roger Strong, Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen.	Mess^{rs} John W. Mulligan	Assistants.
Jacob Mott		Robert Bogardus	
Selah Strong		Stephen Ludlam	
Thurston Wood		Benjamin Haight	
Jacob Leroy.		John Hopper, Jun^{r}	
John D. Miller		Thomas Demarest	
Wynant Van Zandt Jun^{r}		Andrew Morris	
		Samuel Torbert.	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Police Office that Cap^{t} Hays had suspended Tobias Sims and Peter Bennet for sleeping on their posts was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Report of Cap^{t} Jacob Hays recommending Joseph Shourte and Richard Dunn to be appointed Watchmen [245] in place of Thomas Sims & Peter Bennet suspended and Henry Mead removed was referred to the Watch Committee.

Petitions of Caleb Concklin* Philip L Luff James Owen† John Ludlam‡ & John Chapel butchers for stands in Duane Market, was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the inhabitants and proprietors for repaving Nassau Street, between the City Hall and Cedar Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.||

An application of Robert Kinder & C^{o} to be permitted to deposit hemp in a Fireproof warehouse in South Street, was granted.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Hammond Street praying that the same may be regulated and repaired, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a pump and well at the lower end of Broome Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward with power to grant on the usual terms.

[246] A Petition of John Van Blarcom for remission of penalty for forestalling firewood was rejected.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Walker Street to be provided with Lamps was referred to the Lamp Committee.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 370.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *P. 296.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *P. 296.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 265. 368.*—Ed.

A Petition of the inhabitants for paving the cartway and setting curb stones in Rynders Street between Grand and Hester Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants of the lower part of Roosevelt Street for widening the same from Cherry to Water Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner, with directions to treat with the proprietors of the premises that may be required for that purpose and report thereon to this Board.*

A Petition of John C. Redmond to be appointed measurer of grain was granted.

†A Memorial of Ann Walker Widow to relinquish the purchase made by her late husband James Walker of six Lots at Inclenberg, on certain conditions, was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Mary Lee for remission of a fine, for selling fruit contrary to Law, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.‡

[247] A Petition of George Codwise Junr on the question of interest demanded by the Comptroller on his bond for $3000. was read

Ordered that the Comptroller settle said Bond without any charge for interest.

The Street Commissioner presented the following return

||The Street. Commissioner covers a return of George Gosman and Jacob Shute, appointed to apportion the ground to be exchanged with Theodorus Bailey on the North of Old Potters Field, previous to the cession of that ground to the United States. And recommends that the same be confirmed and that the deeds be directed to be made out in conformity.

All which is respectfully submitted

John S. Hunn

St Commr

New York. October 5th 1807.

Sir

We the subscribers being duly appointed by the Honorable the Corporation of this City and General Bailey to examine and determine the difference, if any, of the value of land fronting on a road intended to be opened by the name of Albany Avenue belonging [248] to the Corporation as will more fully appear by the plan. After examining

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 281. 282. 287. 293.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 186.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 270.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 232.*—Ed.

carefully said land give it as our opinion that General Bailey receive two feet for one and so in proportion.

We are with respect &c^{a}

John S. Hunn Esq^{r} George Gosman
S^{t} Commiss^{r} Jacob Shute.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following return.

We the subscribers being appointed by an order of the Common Council to average the expence of filling the end of Broome Street at Corlaers Hook, do hereby certify that the whole expence of the said work amounts to three hundred and ninety seven dollars, of which Abraham Cannon is to pay Three hundred and twenty three dollars and ninety five cents, and Marinus Willett the residue, being seventy three dollars and five cents: And we do hereby recommend Benjamin Hill as a suitable person to collect the money and pay it to the several persons to whom it may be due.

New York. Sept^{r} 26. 1807.

John S. Hunn
S^{t} Comm^{r}
W^{m} Bridges.
City Surveyor.

[249] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Report of the Street Commissioner on the application of Oliver Jacques late Collector of the assessment for opening Canal Street, which was set aside, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.*

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honour to communicate to the Board, that he has had several conferences with M^{r} Emmit Council for M^{r} Duggan, on his claim for grounds in Canal Street, and that it is agreed, if the Common Council consent thereto, that the claims of M^{r} Duggan shall be left to the opinion of two respectable Attornies, particularly, to decide upon the area of ground to be included in the precepts: As the parties have not been able otherwise to settle such area.

M^{r} Duggan has nominated, Josiah Ogden Hoffman on his part, and it is recommended by the subscriber that the Board agree to the measure and now appoint an attorney on their part. M^{r} Hoffman has consented to serve, and M^{r} Harrison is objected to by M^{r} Emmitt on account of his relations with the Corporation.†

* Marginal note reads *See P. 197. 270.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 273. 355.*—ED.

[250] The Street Commissioner takes the liberty to mention Cadwallader D. Colden, Nathan Sanford and Caleb S. Riggs, as suitable persons for the above purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted

John S. Hunn

Octo^{r} 5. 1807. S^{t} Comm^{r}

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that Caleb S. Riggs Esq^{r} be appointed Referree on the part of this Board.*

The Street Commissioner reported on the petition of the inhabitants for repaving Thames Street,† and presented an Ordinance for that purpose which was passed, and John H. Sickles, William G. Forbes, John Slidell, Anthony L. Bleecker, and Simon Schermerhorn‡ were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the Assessment for repaving Magazine and Cross Streets.

Ordered that Warrants to enforce payment be issued in favour of Oliver Jacques.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 374

A recommendation of the Street Commissioner to pay Hugh Brice|| One Hundred Dollars, in the name of Thomas Anderson, on account [251] of his contract for regulating Elm Street, was confirmed, and a warrant ordered to be issued accordingly.

The Street Commissioner reported a plan and Ordinance for regulating Art Street which were adopted and passed, and George Clealand Gilbert Coutant George Smetzler Will^{m} H. Robinson and John Ten Eyck were appointed Assessors.

The following Report was presented

The Committee appointed to examine the situation of Oak and Chesnut and Bancker Streets between Pearl and Roosevelt Streets and to determine upon such plan as might be most adviseable to improve said Streets.

Reports that they have viewed the premises and considered upon the subject and are of opinion and now recommend that Oak Street be repaved from Pearl to Roosevelt Street and raised in such manner as that the walks be on a level with the platform of Gilbert Jacksons house.§ And that Bancker Street for the same distance be raised and paved in like manner.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 355.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 228. 424.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 280.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 208.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 264.*—Ed.

That Chesnut Street, which now empties [252] in the above streets be taken up and raised to conform to the above lines, and that the water out of Chesnut Street be carried into Roosevelt Street through an Alley of M^r^ Dodges House and an alley of a house said to belong to Doctor Torbert.

The Committee further recommend that a negociation be directed by a Committee for the aforesaid privilege through those alleys: And that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance in conformity to the above remarks.

Oct^r^ 5^th^ 1807.

Rob^t^ Bogardus
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Report of the Street Commissioner with an Ordinance for regulating Vandam Street, formerly Budd Street, was confirmed and George Clealand, Gilbert Coutant, George Smetzler, William H. Robinson and John Ten Eyck, were appointed Assessors.*

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for regulating Front Street from Peck to James Slip,† which was confirmed and William Peters was appointed Collector

[253] The following Report was presented:

‡The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom were referred the petition of Peter Ogilvie praying that Cherry Street be directed to be extended into the river, and the Petition of John & Thomas Gardiner relative to Water grants opposite their property at Corlaers Hook have the honor to

Report that Peter Ogilvie in common with other persons as stated in his petition was directed to carry out and make Corlaers Street and the grounds for the distance of two hundred feet east of Corlaers Street, in twelve months from the date of that order.

That said Ogilvie owns the ground bounded by Cherry Street and in order to comply with the aforesaid order would be obliged to sink a block or wharf at a great expence from the present shore the distance required into the river, and notwithstanding that expence, would not be able to come to the front of his premises unless Cherry Street was also made.

That John Gardner owns the water lots on the opposite side of Cherry Street and for which he has with his brother Thomas applied for a grant, by the inclosed petition.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 305.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 230. 331.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *P. 196. 238.*—Ed.

[254] That by a conversation with Mr Tablé agent for said Gardners it appears that they would have no objection to uniting with Peter Ogilvie and make the whole of Cherry Street, provided it was so ordered, and which would thereby afford them a spacious wharf and basin on the south side of that Street.

That Mr Cunningham who lately petitioned the Corporation against the grant to Messrs Gardners, has a lease of them, 18. years unexpired, for the ground between Cherry and Water Streets, bounded by the east river: and that as far as respects his objection, the Committee believe it rests between him and the persons from whom he leased and that the Corporation have no right, or at least ought not to interfere.

That Messrs Gardiners do not wish to improve the waters in front of Mr Cunningham and are willing to leave it in its present situation until the Corporation shall order it to be filled.

Under all these circumstances your Committee are of opinion that Cherry Street ought to be carried out at the joint expence of Peter Ogilvie and John Gardiner and that the blocks ought to be directed to be sunk and filled forthwith, to an extent into the river, equal to and on a line with the bulkhead now sunk by William Hunter and his associates and filled up within [255] the time stipulated in their order to the level of the intended height of the street.

Your Committee are further of opinion that on compliance with such order, that water grants ought to be issued to John Gardiner and Thomas Gardiner for the water in front of their grounds between Cherry Street and Water Street to such extent into the river as are contemplated to be given to the said Ogilvie, Hunter and their Associates and upon the same terms, with the condition that they shall be obliged to make half of Water Street to the same extent whenever thereunto required by the Corporation.

The Committee in conformity with these opinions have the honor to present the draft of an Ordinance, which in their opinion ought to be passed.

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J. Morton
John S. Hunn.

N. B. The Committee are not prepared to report upon that part of Messrs Gardiners petition relative to Lots on the South side of Corlaer's Hook.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Ordinance pass accordingly.

The following Report was presented*

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner [256] to whom it was referred, further, to report upon the case of water grants to be given to Messrs Rhinelanders have the honour to state

That in addition to their former report they deem it only necessary to observe that Mr Rhinelander ought to receive a water grant for the ground between Reed, Chamber, Washington and West streets upon the terms stated in the former report: but that the water fronting these premises and the whole width of the Street be reserved by the Corporation for public purposes.

2d That he also receive a water grant on the usual terms for the grounds between Jay and Harrison Streets, after deducting such sums as may be due for repairs upon that wharf agreeably to his certificate hereunto annexed; and on condition also that he unites, on the usual terms, with the Corporation, whenever thereunto required, to build a pier, the center line of which shall be on the north side of Jay Street.

3d That a grant be given to Mr Rhinelander for the waters fronting his ground between North Moore and Beach Streets, on condition that he unites, on the usual terms, with the Corporation, whenever thereunto required, [257] to build a Pier, the center line of which shall be on a line with the South line of Beach Street, and also upon condition that the interest of the sum of One thousand Dollars and the interest thereon, mentioned in the former report, be added to the rents of the last mentioned premises, as a future rent, all of which interest shall be calculated at the rate of seven percent per annum. And that these streets be made to the west line of West Street by the said Rhinelander, and that the same shall be kept in repair by him, except the wharf south of the present Pier at Duane Street, which shall be repaired by the Corporation.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner conceive it unnecessary to be more particular as the present report, connected with so much of the former report as is not affected by the above remarks, will give the Board a full idea of the subject and which they submit with the map of the grounds in question.

Octor 5th 1807. J. Morton
John S. Hunn

Mr Rhinelanders Certificate.

W. Rhinelander Jr will agree to pay Mr Warners account of repairs on Jay and Harrison Street Dock, said to amount to One thousand

* Marginal note reads *See P. 234. 265.*—Ed.

dollars, deducting therefrom the amount of rents received or due the Corporation for rent.

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[258] Ordered that the same be referred back to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner with instructions to report the exact amount of the expences for building the Wharf.*

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from No 3782 to 3798. inclusive

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that the Captains of the City Watch report to this Board, every Monday such Lamps within their respective districts as shall not be or may not continue lighted during the whole of the nights on which the same ought so to be.

Ordered that the Law Committee enquire into the impropriety of selling small meats in the public Markets on Sundays.†

‡Ordered that the Market Committee examine and report what further appropriation may be requisite to compleat Duane Market.

Ordered that an account of General Steddiford of persons employed by him to guard the Powder Magazine be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and the Comptroller.||

Aldermen S. Strong, Mott and the Comptroller } were appointed a Committee to report terms for making§ [259] water grants eastward of Corlaer's Hook and Four hundred feet North of Adam and Noah Browns Ship yard.

Henry J. Wyckoff Firewarden of the First Ward sent in his resignation, which was accepted and

Tunis Quick, was appointed in his place.

The following persons were appointed Firemen in Company No 19, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Oliver Hicks, House carpenter v. Peter Austin

Jacob Weeks, Carman v. Henry Fisher.

Warrt No 373. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Jacob Leroy for $50. to provide a passage for an indigent family to Ireland.

Ordered that warrants be issued in favour of John H. Sickles,

No 370	on acct of the Building Commte	$1000
371	Richard Furman, on acct of Alms House	2000
372.	Justus Dearman, on acct Pier at Beekman Slip	500

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 265.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 271.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See, Report.* —Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 294.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See Report P. 285.*—Ed.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay

Nº 354.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch		$237.16
355	" William Van Wart	dº	237.16
356	" John Farrington	dº	217.56
357	" John White	dº	217.56
358	" Jacob Hays	dº	188.16
359	" George Goodheart	dº	188.16
360.	[260] Benjamin Demilt for regulating Clocks		100.
361.	William M. Summers, Salary as Inspr bread		94.80
362.	John Pintard. dº as City Inspector		312.50
363.	Edward Moran. dº Asst to St Commr		52.
364.	James Hardie dº dº to City Inspecr		66.
365.	Jacob Morton, Comptroller		250.
366.	Beekman & Bogert, carriage hire for road Commrs		5.
367.	John Farrington Marshals apprehending vagrants		41.50
368.	Jacob Morton, on acct of Assessors for laying tax		1028.25
369.	dº for preparing tax books. &c		318.73
370	John H. Sickles on acct of Building Commrs		1000.
371.	Richard Furman, Supt of Alms House		2000.
372.	Justus Dearman, on acct of Pier at Beekman Slip		500.
373.	Jacob Leroy Esqr to provide passage for distressed family to Ireland		50.
374.	Thomas Anderson, on acct of Elm Street		100.
375.	Edward Meghan, carting sand to bulkhead at Charlotte Slip		23.50
376	William Kay for removing Pump in Greenwich corner of Warren St		103.
377.	dº removing Pump corner of Bdway & Ann St		156.
378.	Andrew S. Leary—repairs of docks		24.37
379.	dº dº Markets		34.12
380	dº dº Engine Houses		64.50
381	dº dº Pumps		38.62
382.	dº dº Gaol &cs		101.62

[261] In Common Council: Octr 12th 1807

Present Marinus Willett Esquire Mayor
Maturine Livingston Esqr Recorder

Roger Strong Dep. Mayor. Jacob Leroy, Jacob Mott Selah Strong John P. Ritter Thurston Wood Wynant Van Zandt, Junr Nicholas Fish John D. Miller.	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Gerard Depeyster John W. Mulligan John Hopper Junr Thomas Demarest Robert Bogardus Andrew Morris Benjamin Haight Stephen Ludlam.

Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports from the Police Office, that Capt White had suspended Abraham Brokaw, for sleeping on his post.

That Capt Goodheart had suspended

William Doyle, for the same offence

[262] and that Capt Lawrence had suspended

Silas Pierson, for the like offence, were read and referred to the Watch Committee.

Petitions of George Cliland, Frederick Eckert, William Rutledge, Caleb Street, Tunis Ryker, William Hoghland, James Lang, E. Ludlam, Matthias Nack, & George Dominick to be appointed Supt of repairs in the place of Nicholas Carmer deceased were referred to Aldermen, Ritter, Mott and Mr Bogardus to report whether said Office was essential to the public interest.

Reports from the Captains of the Watch respecting Lamps were referred to the Comptroller.

A Communication from Doctor David Hosack respecting a deficiency of 24 feet in the extent of the western boundary of Lots No 54. 55. 60 & 61. of Common land purchased by him was referred to the Comptroller and St Commisr

An application of Abel W. Hardenbrook for payment on acct of Fire Engines was read.

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No 404 Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $600.

[263] *A Letter from William Neilson to the Mayor stating his objections against the Ordinance lately passed for regulating Art Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity for a pump and well at the corner of Cherry and George Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th. Ward with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of John Robson and other respecting the situation of Stanton Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and City Inspector, with order to compel the Contractor's to complete their contract.

An application of Israel Wood offering proposals to lease the cellar under Duane Market was read and referred to the Comptroller.†

An application from Oliver Vanderbilt concerning a difference between him and the Comptroller on the conditions of purchase made

* Marginal note reads *See P. 251.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 293.*—Ed.

by him of Common lands, last Spring, was referred to the Comptroller and the Committee on the sale of said land.*

A Petition of Stephen Hilliker Junr for a stand in Duane Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Redett Inspector of Firewood requesting that his district may be enlarged [264] as being inadequate to his support, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 3d. and 5th. Wards.

Petitions for Lamps in Barley Street, between Chatham and Augustus Streets, and for one at the corner of Beach and Chapel Streets, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

†The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating and repaving

Chesnut Street, from Oak to Bancker Street.

Oak Street from Pearl to Roosevelt, and

Bancker Street from Pearl to Roosevelt Street which was passed and John Abeel Nehemiah Allen Leonard Fisher Richard Berrian, & Eldad Holmes. were appointed Assessors.

‡The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for laying the Curb stones and paving the carriage way in Rynder Street from Grand Street to Hester Street, which was passed and Oliver Drake Charles Golden Abraham O. Bogert Henry Ackerman & John Crolius. Junr were appointed Assessors.

[265] ||The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for repaving Nassau Street from the North side of Cedar Street to the southerly line of James Stevensons lot, adjoining the City Hall which was passed and James Wood Daniel Beach John Bailey John Bogert & Daniel Bowie were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for repaving Pine Street, between Broad way and William Street, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The following report was read,

§The Comptroller and Street Commissioner being directed to enquire into the accounts of the Superintendant of repairs to ascertain the expences the Corporation have been put to, to repair the wharf of Mr Rhinelander between Jay and Harrison Streets, have the honor to

Report, That they have endeavoured to ascertain the amount of

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 350.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 261. Vol. 18 P. 291.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 18.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 245. 368.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 258. 412.*—Ed.

said repairs from the papers and books in the Comptrollers Office without effect, owing to the circumstance of the accounts including repairs of sundry other places at the same time without any particular statements or heads in them, by which to ascertain [266] where the work was done.

That from the statements made by Mr Warner they find that he is also unable to tell any particulars. That the practice with him was to employ Smiths to do a large quantity of iron work and to deposit it at a suitable place, and from thence to carry it and use it where wanted and the same with respect to timber and other materials, and that even the mens wages did not specify the precise place they worked and that they were taken occasionally from one part of the Corporation work to another without regard to the time expended at each place.

That the Subscribers have viewed the premises and are of opinion, which opinion is made up from the best information they can collect, that one thousand Dollars will cover all the expences put upon this particular wharf and they are corroborated in that opinion by Mr Warner himself.

That they have had several additional conferences with Mr Rhinelander, who is still willing to allow the sum of One thousand Dollars, deducting the rents received by the Corporation or otherwise, if the Board will consent to that, to leave it to any two persons the Corporation shall appoint to settle that expence, agreeably to his certificate hereunto annexed.

[267] Considering the right of Wharfage which Mr Rhinelander has relinquished and his consent to comply with the other particulars stated in the former reports, the Subscribers are decidedly of opinion that the board ought to give him his grants, without further and more severe conditions: Conditions which have been exacted from no other persons.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Octr 12. 1807. J. Morton
John S. Hunn.

Mr Rhinelanders certificate.

W. Rhinelander Junr will agree that the amount of the expences of repairs for the dock at the foot of Jay and Harison Streets shall be stated at One Thousand Dollars—Or otherwise, he agrees to leave to the decision of any two persons the Corporation shall appoint, the

amount of the said Expence, and will pay the same to the Comptroller on demand, deducting therefrom the amount of rents.

New York. Oct^{r} 12th 1807. W. Rhinelander J^{r}

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was read.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioners to whom it was referred to fix upon such price as ought to be paid Thomas Ten Eyck* [268] for his advances on the Pier at Coenties Slip, have the honour to report,

That M^{r} Ten Eyck expended Four thousand Seven hundred and eighty seven Dollars upon said pier, as appears from the accounts and statements exhibited to us of the Superintendant of that work. That he has at his individual expence kept the said pier in repair to this time, and he never received from the Corporation any thing therefor; which in equity ought to be paid, as they receive the wharfage on the West side next the Slip.

That considering no person is situated similar to M^{r} Teneyck and considering he has long since advanced this money and by especial order of the Board complied with their request to erect said pier; it is but reasonable he should be remunerated a just portion of that advance.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that he will receive ample justice if the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars are paid to him, at the expiration of One Year without interest, Upon the condition however, that he forever hereafter keep the said Wharf in repair at his expence. And Your Committee are assured that [269] with such sum and upon such conditions M^{r} Ten Eyck will be satisfied.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Octo^{r} 12th 1807. J. Morton. Compt^{r}

John S. Hunn. S^{t} Comm^{r}

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Comptroller take adequate security from M^{r} Ten Eyck to keep the pier in repair at his expence forever hereafter.

The following report was read.†

The Comptroller to whom was referred the proposition of Robert Lylburn offering to refer the value which is to be affixed upon the Lands agreed to be sold to him by this Board, to the valuation of Nathaniel Pendleton and one other person to be appointed by the Board, under certain restrictions;

* Marginal note reads *See P. 19. 93. 225.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See P. 228.*—ED.

Reports that in his opinion, under all the circumstances of the case it would be expedient for this Board to comply with the said proposal. Oct^{r} 12th 1807. J. Morton.

Compt^{r}

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that Cornelius J. Bogert Esq. be appointed Referree on the part of this Board, and that the Comptroller with the Council of the Board provide a Bond of submission between the parties.

[270] *The Report of the Street Commissioner on the application of Oliver Jacques which lay over for consideration was read.

Whereupon Ordered that Oliver Jacques be allowed at the rate of 5 per c^{t} on the monies by him collected on the late assessment for opening Canal Street.

The Comptroller informed the Board that the accounts of the Treasurer of the receipts and expenditures of the revenues for the current year are ready for examination, and requesting the appointment of a Committee for the purpose.

Whereupon Ald^{n} Selah Strong
Wynant Van Zandt, Jun^{r}
Jacob Leroy
John P. Ritter &
Roger Strong

were appointed the Committee.†

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting various nuisances from N^{o} 3798 to N^{o} 3801. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

‡The Report of the Attorney of the Board in favour of remitting the penalty incurred by Mary Lee for selling fruit in Market contrary to law, was confirmed.

[271] ||The Committee to whom was referred the subject of restraining the selling Butchers' meat in the public markets of this city on Sunday, Reported that in their opinion this Board has the right to restrain the same and for that purpose they also reported the draft of an Ordinance which they recommended to be passed.

Robert Bogardus
John W. Mulligan.

Whereupon "An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance for the due "Observance of the Lord's day called Sunday," was passed.§

* Marginal note reads *See P. 249. 291. 358.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 295.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 246.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 258.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 23.*—Ed.

A Report of the Market Committee in favour of granting four stalls in Duane Market, was referred back to the same Committee with directions to report the names of all the applicants for stalls in said Market and to distinguish those among them who are, at present, occupants of stalls in other markets.

Resolved that the space between Reed and Duane Streets as far down as the river, from Washington Street, where the new Market is erected, be regulated and filled in so that the Mason may complete his contract and the cellar under the market be ready to be let out as soon as possible.

[272] *Resolved that bonds be issued to George Warner and Samuel Jones Junr for the amount of the award in their favour respectively for ground taken for Canal Street, Provided that such bonds be issued on the same principles as those to Messrs Miller and Baker.

Resolved that the Watch Box standing at the Church fence at the corner of Cliff Street be removed to the corner of Cliff and Ferry Streets and that the watch be placed at the latter place.

The following Resolution was offered by Alderman R. Strong.

Whereas the important discovery of applying the powers of Steam Engines to the purposes of navigation, has, through the ingenuity of Messrs Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton been brought to a degree of perfection that perfectly demonstrates its practicability, which discovery is regarded by the Corporation of this city as likely to be productive of very great public utility, therefore

Resolved that the Freedom of this city be presented to Mr Fulton, the said Robert R. Livingston, being already a Freeman, thereof, as a mark of the high esteem and consideration this Board entertain for the invention.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman R. Strong, Messrs Ludlam and Mulligan to investigate the subject.

[273] The Resolution of Alderman R. Strong† of the 28th Ulto on the subject of appointing "a Committee of Defence," was called up, and after some discussion, was ordered to be the subject of a Special Meeting on Thursday next 4 o'clock P. M.

‡Ordered that the Street Commissioner together with the Attorney of the Board prepare a Bond of submission to be executed between this Board and Thomas Duggan on the subject of his claim for grounds taken for opening Canal Street.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 65.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 241. 275.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 249.*—Ed.

Ordered that a Court of special sessions of the peace, with a Grand Jury, be directed to be held on the first Monday of November next.

Warrt Nº 405. Ordered that a warrant in favour of John H. Sickles, on account of the Building Committee, be issued for $1700.

Warrt Nº 406. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Morton, for $500. on account of the Commissioners for laying out Streets &cª

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay

Nº 383.	Andrew S. Leary, for cartage to Collect					$29.31
384	McDonald & Burt, repairs to pumps					80. 5
385.	[274] James Myers, Supt of roads					740.39
386.	Oliver Waldron	dº				762.56
387. Lien.	Daniel Woolsey, repairs to Caldwells dock to be repaid to Corporation					132.75
388.	George Gosman & John McComb, repaving intersections of Streets					375.18
389.	Mark McCammon, for labour at Gaol				13.	
390.	dº	dº	Engine Hº		9.	
391.	dº	dº	Wells		13.	
						35.
392.	George Lowther	dº	Gaol		11.	
393.	dº	dº	Wells		4.50	
						15.50
394	Alexander Dobbins	dº	Gaol		11.	
395.	dº	dº	Engine Hº		8.75	
396	dº	dº	Wells		8.	
						27.75
397	George McCammon	dº	Gaol		11.	
398.	dº	dº	Engine Hº		7.75	
399.	dº	dº	Wells		8.	
						26.75
400.	John E. Giller, Marshals executing Sunday law					28.
401	Richard L. Degroat, repairs to Floating Engine					106.64
402.	Daniel McFarlane	dº	to Pumps			23.
403.	James L. Jaycocks	dº	dº			299.78
404.	Abel. W. Hardenbrook. on acctª of Fire Engines					600.
405.	John H. Sickles, on acctª of building Committee					1700.
406.	Jacob Morton, dº of Commⁿ for laying out Streets &c					500.

[275] In Common Council. Oct^{r} 15. 1807.

Present. Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor.

Roger Strong, Dep. Mayor Jacob Mott Selah Strong Wynant Van Zandt. Jun^{r} Jacob Leroy John P. Ritter John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen.	Mess^{rs} Samuel Torbert Gerard Depeyster Robert Bogardus Thomas Demarest Andrew Morris	Assistants.

The Resolution of Alderman R. Strong* of the 26th Ult^{o} was read and after discussion passed as follows:

†Whereas on the 27th of August this Corporation did, under the then apparent existing exigency, accept and adopt the ‡Report of its Committee of the 24th of the same month, made relative to the protecting and fortifying the harbour of New York, therefore

Resolved that, Aldermen Selah Strong Nicholas Fish Jacob Mott John D. Miller and Roger Strong [276] be a standing Committee of this Board and be denominated "The Committee of Defence," to devise, take and pursue such measures as shall appear to the said Committee most fit and best calculated to carry. the said report and the objects therein contemplated and proposed into effect: always submitting, however, the acts, propositions and doings of the said Committee to this Board, for its approbation or rejection

And further Resolved that the said Committee do forthwith procure or cause to be copied or made a correct and ample Map or Chart of the harbour and port of New York and its adjacent waters, islands and headlands, and delineate and lay down thereon a representation of the plan of defence contemplated by the said report; to the end that the same, together with a statement and calculation of the expences necessary to make and complete the works or system of defence, proposed by the said Report, to be also made by the said Committee, may be, under the direction of this Board laid before His Excellency the President for the use of Congress.

Ordered that the said Committee prepare a respectful Memorial to Congress on the subject of protecting this city and harbour.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 241. 273.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 190.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 176.*—Ed.

[277] In Common Council, Oct^{r} 19. 1807.

Present Marinus Willett Esq^{r} Mayor
Maturine Livingston Esq^{r} Recorder

		Mess^{rs} Gerard Depeyster	
Roger Strong Dep. Mayor		Samuel Torbert	
Jacob Mott		John Hopper Jun^{r}	
Thurston Wood	Esquires	Benjamin Haight	
Nicholas Fish	Aldermen.	Thomas Demarest	Assistants.
Selah Strong		Andrew Morris	
Wynant Van Zandt, Jun^{r}		John W. Mulligan	
John D. Miller.		Stephen Ludlam	
		Robert Bogardus	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report of Cap^{t} Goodheart on the state of the Lamps in his district was referred to the Comptroller.

Memorials from Sundry confined Debtors complaining against the keeper of the Gaol of exorbitance in his charges for cleaning the Gaol at the expence of the prisoners, were [278] read and referred to the Mayor with a request to lay them before the Grand Jury.

A Communication from Gouverneur Morris Esq^{r} on the subject of providing monumental Stones to designate the Streets to be laid out by the Commissioners, was read and referred to the Building Committee.

A Memorial of Charles Whitlaw on the subject of furnishing, at moderate prices, ornamental trees to be set out in the public Streets, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of the proprietors of the pier on the East side of Peck's Slip praying that additional fenders may be provided to secure the extremity of said Pier against injury from floating ice; and also praying that they may be allowed the exclusive right to the wharfage of the southerly end of said pier was referred to the Comptroller.

A Communication from Jacob Cholwell contractor for lighting the public Lamps, setting forth frauds practiced by the Lamp lighters and requesting that the Captains of the Watch may continue to report any deficiencies in his department, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of the inhabitants for a Pump [279] and well at the corner of Rivington and Sixth Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

*Petitions of William White, and Henry Hoffman for Stalls in Duane Market, were referred to the Market Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 296.*—Ed.

A Petition of Garret Cozine to be appointed Superintendant of repairs was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for Lamps in Church Street between Leonard and Lispenard Streets was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants interested to be allowed to make side walks on the east side of Chatham square, was granted under the Superintendence of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity against a building erecting by Doctor Charles Graham at the corner of Pitt and Hester Streets, for the purpose of manufacturing Brimstone, was read and ordered to be returned to the petitioners as not being within the cognizance of this Board.

[280] A Letter to the Mayor complaining of the practice of forestalling Firewood was presented and read.*

Alderman Wood presented an account of James Greatman for sinking a well and fixing a Pump at the corner of Spring, Orange and Elm Streets.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $33.

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for repaving Greenwich Street †from the present pavement to the House of Alderman Ritter, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported that Simon Schermerhorn‡ had declined serving as Assessor for Thames Street, whereupon Hiram Gardner was appointed in his place.

The Street Commissioner reported that William Ray Contractor for making the road at Manhattan Ville, from Bloomingdale to Hudson river, had completed the same.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 429. Ordered that a warrant be issued on the Treasurer for $150. the Ball^{e} due on said Contract

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances for regulating Norfolk Street,|| between [281] Broome and Stanton Streets, and

Sixth Street§ from Delancey to Stanton Street, which were severally passed and Ezekiel Bishop, Richard Berrian, Abraham Van Gelder, Jun^{r}, John Youle, and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 287.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *from Brannon to Hetty now Van Dam St*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 250.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 165. 367.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 229. 367.*—ED.

The following Report was read

*The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition from sundry inhabitants in and adjacent to the lower part of Roosevelt Street, respecting the widening of said Street, has the honor to Report,

That about three years ago the Corporation conceiving it conducive to the interest of the community to widen that Street, caused an award to be presented in Court, by which it was determined that about the sum of Sixteen thousand Dollars should be paid for widening Roosevelt Street from Cherry Street to the river, of the same width it is above Batavia lane, the Board did not, however, pay the money and the transaction fell through.

The present petition is intended to revive the former proceedings, or to request the Corporation to operate anew. In consequence of which the Subscriber has called upon Mr and Mrs Beekman for their price for [282] so much of the ground and buildings thereon, as will be required to make the Street of the aforesaid width: and he has only been able to obtain from them the enclosed statement of their terms which however includes but about one half of the ground that will be required. This statement fixes the sum of Ten thousand One hundred Dollars for that portion necessary to make the Street about the width it is on the opposite side and according to that ratio, the whole ground required would exceed twenty thousand Dollars.

The Street Commissioner is well persuaded that the widening of that Street would be a great convenience, but he is of opinion the Board ought not to accept of the terms proposed and would in preference recommend the usual mode of valuation through the agency of a Jury.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Oct. 19th 1807. John S. Hunn.

On Motion for confirming the Report a division being called by Mr Bogardus and seconded by Alderman Mott, it was carried in the negative, as follows.

Affirmative	Negative	
Mr Bogardus.	Alderman R. Strong.	Messrs Haight
	[283] Mott	Demarest
	Wood	Morris
	Fish	Mulligan
	S. Strong	Ludlam.
	Miller	

Mr Torbert was excused from voting being interested.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 246. 287. 293.*—Ed.

The following Report was read.

City of New York
Common Council
19th Oct^r 1807

*The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Joseph De la Montagnie, John Johnson and others relative to an Assessment made in 1804 for filling in and making a bulkhead at Vesey Street Slip

Report

That your Committee having met and viewed the situation of said Slip, and there received the objections and explanations of the persons complaining: And having also examined the minutes of this Corporation, find that in August 1803. a Committee reported on the petition of Joseph De la Montagnie and others, [284] that Vesey Slip ought to be filled &c. &c. That on the second of July 1804, the Comptroller reported in favour of building a bulkhead at said Slip. That on the 10th July an Ordinance passed for that purpose. That on the 20th August an Assessment therefor was confirmed. That on the 3d September Israel Wood and others petitioned against the Assessment, and that the Petition was referred, and again referred on the 22d Oct^r That on the 19th Nov^r the Collector made a return of Delinquents, and that on the 24th Dec^r 1804 the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry inhabitants complaining of inequality in the assessment for making a Bulkhead and filling in Vesey Street Slip, reported in Substance,

That they had heard the petitioners by Counsel and attentively examined the subject, and were of opinion that the Assessment was fairly made and correct, and therefore recommended that the prayer of the Petitioners be not granted. And thereupon the said report and Assessment, was ordered to be confirmed, and the prayer of the said petition rejected.

Your Committee find also that the greater part of the monies assessed have been paid and believe that an attempt to correct or alter the assessment would probably create more difficulty than it would remove, even if the Assessment should be proven unequal or improper [285] in some particulars, which however your Committee do not discern to any great extent if at all. And are therefore of opinion, that it is not only inexpedient, but improper, that this board should, at this late date, interfere to alter, or vary, said Assessment so made and

* Marginal note reads *See P. 240.*—Ed.

confirmed, and so complained of, heard by Counsel and determined as above stated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. Strong
Benj[a] Haight
John S. Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was read.

The Committee* to whom it was referred to report the terms upon which Water grants should be made for Lots eastward of Corlaer's Hook and four hundred feet north of Adam and Noah Brown's Dock Report

That in their opinion, Grants within the abovementioned limits should be issued upon the following terms, that is

Upon each foot along the shore and extending from high to low water mark, not exceeding, one hundred feet into the river, One shilling per foot for the first twenty years; two shillings per foot for twenty years succeeding and four [286] shillings per foot for ever after.

Upon each Grant beyond the said One hundred feet and extending two hundred feet into the river for the first twenty years, one shilling per foot; for the succeeding twenty years two shillings per foot, and three shillings per foot for ever after, and so in proportion for any Grant greater or less than two hundred feet in extent: Reserving in said Grants all necessary Streets and Slips.

Selah Strong
Jacob Mott
J. Morton.

Oct[r] 19. 1807.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was read.

†The Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Rachel De Forest and Hugh Fairley Executors of Gerardus De Forest deceased, praying a Water grant for ground at the corner of Harison Street on the Hudson river Reports

That upon consulting with the Street Commissioner, it appears there is no reservation for a Basin now contemplated at the Wharf where the grant is prayed for, he would therefore recommend that a

* Marginal note reads *See P. 258.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 415.*—Ed.

Grant issue to the Petitioners up to the permanent line on the usual conditions. J. Morton.
Oct. 19. 1807. Compt[r]

[287] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Report of the Comptroller on the subject of deficiency on the part of the Contractor for lighting the public Lamps was read and referred back to him to report a full statement of facts.

Ordered that the Comptroller obtain the contract for lighting the public Lamps to be executed by the next meeting of the Board.*

Resolved that the Street Commissioner give notice that the Corporation have it in contemplation to widen Roosevelt Street, between Cherry Street and Water Street, in order that those persons who may consider themselves interested, may make their objections, if any there be, by Monday next.†

‡Ordered that the Clerk publish the sections of the law prohibiting Carmen from purchasing and selling Firewood.

Warr[t] N[o] 427. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman Sup[t] of the Alms House for $3000.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell Contractor for lighting the public Lamps for $1000.

[288] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay;

N[o] 407.	Capt	Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch		.....	$237.16
408.	"	Will[m] Van Wart	do	.....	237.16
409	"	John Farrington	do	.....	217.56
410	"	John White	do	.....	217.56
411	"	Jacob Hays	do	.....	188.16
412.	"	George Goodheart	do	.....	188.16
413	And[w] S. Leary, carting earth to Battery			.....	12.93
414.	Estate of Moses Archer, 1. Year's Int[t] on Bond			.....	59. 4
415.	Peter Burtsell, stationary for public Offices			.....	106.50
416	Henry C. Southwick, for Printing			.....	87.75
417	Henry Stanton, for cost on suit ag[t] John Van Winkle by order of Ferry Committee			.....	4.88
418.	Mess[rs] Munro & Morris, for ground for filling Collect			.....	250.
419.	Philip Kraucher, balle for blowing rock in Manhattan Avenue			.....	350.
420.	James Hogan, paving intersect[n] of Barley & Elm St			.....	10.73
421.	Hutching's Crane & C[o] cleaning public Markets			.....	119.
422.	Edward Watkeys for Candles			.....	8.16
423.	Jacob De la Montagnie, Spec. Justice of Police, Sal[y]			.....	250.
424.	Joshua Barker	do	do	do	250.
425	Bernard O'Blenis Clerk to	do	do	.....	250.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 293.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 293.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 280.*—Ed.

N° 426.	James Greatman, for pump & Well corner of Spring, Orange & Elm Streets	$33.
427	Richard Furman, Supt of Alms House	3000.
428	Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for Public Lamps	1000.
429.	William Ray, balle of Contract for making Manhattan Ville road fr. Bloomingdale &c	150.

[289] In Common Council, Octr 26. 1807.

Present Marinus Willet Esquire Mayor.

Roger Strong, Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Gerard Depeyster	Assistants
Selah Strong		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish		Robert Bogardus	
Jacob Mott		Stephen Ludlam	
John P. Ritter		Thomas Demarest	
Thurston Wood		Benjamin Haight	
Jacob Leroy		John W. Mulligan	
Wynant Van Zandt. Junr		Andrew Morris	
		John Hopper Junr	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report of Capt Goodheart on the state of the Lamps; that David Pulis and William Doyle had left his company, and recommending Daniel Smith, and Albert M. Bozant to be appointed in their place, was referred to the Watch Committee.

[290] *Petition of Alexander Roland Margaret Ireland Isaac Gesner Andrew Gilchrist James Morrison. Joseph Kerr. Henry Peacock Charles Benoit Patrick Gary Elias Flandreau Elizabeth Morrell William Ruckle and Joseph Burjeau for remissions of fines for breach of the Excise law, were read and referred to the attorney of the Board.

A Petition of John Morris, confined for debt at the suit of Mary Smith, absent from the city, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity, for a pump and well at the corner of First and Stanton Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th. Wards with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of the inhabitants of Jones Street in the 8th Ward, for lamps, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[291] A Petition of Davis Hunt to be appointed Superintendant of repairs, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

A Petition of the Justices Court on the subject of providing fuel for said Court was read and rejected.

A Memorial of John Tebow, confined in Gaol at the suit of the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 320.*—Ed.

Corporation praying to be released, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.*

An Application of Oliver Jacques for an increase of compensation allowed for collecting the late assessment on Canal Street, was read.

Mr Bogardus gave notice, that at the next meeting he should move for an augmentation of compensation to said Jacques.†

‡A Petition of Francis Child Junr to be refunded Money paid by him on the late assessment for Canal Street, was read and ordered to lie.

A representation of Thomas Hazard keeper of the City prison and Bridewell stating the leaky condition of the roof of said building, was referred to the Committee of repairs with order to make such repairs as may be necessary.

[292] An Application of Gouverneur Morris Esq for a further appropriation on the account of the Commissioners for laying out roads was read,

Warrt No 441. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favor of Jacob Morton on account of said Commissioners for $1500.

||An Application of Leonard Bleecker, Treasurer of the Free School Society for the amount of the Excise money appropriated by the Legislature for the benefit of that Corporation was read,

Warrt No 442. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $4000.

The Street Commissioner presented Assesments for regulating Orange Street from Hester to Grand Street, and Broadway between Great Jones and Art Street, which were confirmed and Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported that Hugh Brice§ had completed his contract for regulating Elm Street, and recommended the payment of the Ballance due him.

Warrt No 440. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of said Brice for $150.

[293] ¶The Street Commissioner reported that agreeably to the resolution of the Board, a Petition with objections in writing had been received by him, against widening Roosevelt Street, which were read and ordered to lie for consideration.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 321.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 358.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 410.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 2.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 208.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See. P. 287.*—Ed.

The following Report was read

*The Comptroller begs leave to state that having been directed to lease the cellar under the Market at Duane Street, for the term of Five years from May next, he would submit to the Board the propriety of leasing it for 5 years and 6 months from the 1st of November next: And as the Doors of the cellar are not yet finished and as informed, will not, at least in a considerable time be completed by the builders of the Market, he would suggest the propriety of directing them to be finished at the expence of this Board, as the rent of the ensuing six months would well compensate for that expence.

J. Morton.

Oct[r] 26th 1807 Compt[r]

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was read.

†The Comptroller to whom was referred the Reports of the Captains of the Watch respecting the Lamps, begs leave to Report,

[294] That he has not been able to collect any other facts relative to the subject than those which are already before the Board in the reports of the Captains of the Watch and the Communications of M[r] Cholwell, the representation in the latter of which he believes to be correct.

He submits to the Board the contract as agreed to by M[r] Cholwell, which if assented to by the Board, will be immediately executed by him.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. Morton.

Oct[r] 26. 1807. Comp[r]

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots and correcting other nuisances from N° 3802. to N° 3812. inclusive

Ordered that the same do pass.

‡The Committee to whom the subject of General Steddiforths applic[n] was referred reported in favour of paying the account of Jacob Benteen and Jacob Smith for watching the powder Magazine.

Warr[t] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Benteen N° 439. to discharge said account for $48.

[295] ||The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers ac-

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 239. 309.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 287.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 258.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 270.*—Ed.

count of the Corporation Revenue reported, that there had been received from D. Amerman for Boats, $330.16. from J. De la Montagnie for a ballance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Health, $108.12. from B. Romaine for a Ballance of monies for the Collect $356.75. and from the different branches of the Corporation revenue and Common lands $94.118.17. amounting in the whole to $94.913.20. That there has been paid out by orders from Common Council $71.385.52. Which with the ball[e] due the City Treasurer on the last years settlement of $8789.73. amounts to $80.174.78½ and leaves a ballance of $14.738.41½ due the city of New York.

Ordered that the Report be filed with the Comptroller.

The following Report from the Market Committee was read and confirmed.

The Market Committee to whom the several Butcher's Petitions, praying for stands in Duane Market, were referred

Report

That they recommend Eight stands or stalls to be granted to the following persons, (N° 1) to Jacob Jeroleman* the stand at the corner of the market facing Duane and Washington Streets, [296] (N° 2) To Jacob Tier Jun[r]† the corner facing Reed and Washington Streets, (N° 4) To John Ludlam‡ adjoining Jacob Tier Jun[r] (N° 3) To William Mooney|| adjoining to Jacob Jeroleman, (N° 6) To William Gibson§ adjoining to John Ludlam. (N° 5) To Thomas White Jun[r]¶ adjoining to William Mooney (N° 8) to James Owen** adjoining to William Gibson, (N° 7) to Henry Hoffman†† adjoining to Thomas White Jun[r]

All which is submitted.

Oct[r] 26[th] 1807. John P. Ritter
Thomas Demarest.

The following Report was read

The Committee of Defence

Report

‡‡That Colonel Williams has met said Committee on the subject of changing the position for a Battery from Duane to Hubert Street, at the North river. That Col. Williams proposes that a cession be made of land under water, between the South line of Hubert Street and the North line of Laight Street, west of a line to be extended parallel

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 206.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 237.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *P. 245.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *P. 228.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *P. 62.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *P. 279.*—ED. ** Marginal note reads *P. 245.*—ED. †† Marginal note reads *P. 279.*—ED. ‡‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 217. 220.*—ED.

to the permanent line as established by the Corporation, two hundred feet west of said permanent line, and from thence to extend into the North river so far as the lands under water [297] of the Corporation extend: and that such cession be accepted in lieu and stead of the position contemplated at the foot of Duane Street: which your Committee are of opinion ought to be complied with by this Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Selah Strong
R. Strong.
Nich[s] Fish.
Jacob Mott.

26[th] Oct[r] 1807.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report from the same Committee was also read.

The Committee of Defence
Report

That the Committee have procured a Copy of the Map or Chart of the Harbour of New York made by Cap[t] Chauncey and M[r] Loss and have caused to be delineated thereon the system of defence contemplated in the Report of the Committee of this Board of the 24[th] of August last:* and have also drafted a memorial to Congress, and a letter to the Secretary at War to accompany said Map or Chart, in pursuance of the Resolution of the 15[th] instant.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Selah Strong
R. Strong
Nich[s] Fish
Jacob Mott

Oct. 26[th] 1807.

[298] Draft of Memorial.

To the Honorable the Senators and Representatives of the people of the United States in Congress assembled:

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for and in behalf of the Corporation and Inhabitants of said city, respectfully sheweth,

That Your Memorialists adverting to the conflicting interests and the contending fleets and armies of European nations; and at the same time viewing the comparatively defenceless state of this city and harbour, and the relative situation of these United States with those nations, cannot feel unconcerned or indifferent on these subjects, and particularly on the insecurity and exposed condition of this city.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 176.*—En.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully pray, that such ample appropriations may be made, and such efficacious measures taken for the protection and defence of the city and harbour of New York, as in the Wisdom of the national Councils may be found requisite: And Your Memorialists as in duty bound shall ever pray.

[299] Draft of Letter to the Secretary at War.

(to be sent by the Mayor)

New York. Oct. 1807.

The Honourable Henry Dearborne
Secretary at War.

Sir

The Corporation of this City having Committed to the care of their Representatives, A Memorial to Congress praying appropriations and measures for the defence of this Harbour, have also directed me to forward to you the documents which accompany this letter, viz[t]*

Plan of Colonel Williams for fortifying the Narrows, of July 24[th] 1807.

Letter of Colonel Williams on the subject of fortifying and protecting the harbour of New York, of August 17[th] 1807.

Report of the Committee of the Corporation on the subject of fortifying the harbour of New York, of August 24[th] 1807.

An Estimate of the expences necessary to complete the system of Defence contemplated in said Report. and

A Map or Chart of the harbour of New York together with a profile or section of said plan.

I am also directed to request that you will [300] have the goodness to present these documents to the President to be disposed of by him as he may judge proper.

I have the honour to be &c[a]

Ordered that the Memorial be engrossed and that the seal of this Corporation be thereunto affixed and that the Mayor be requested to forward the same to Congress.

On the Question for confirming that part of the Report relating to forwarding the letter to the Secretary at War, together with the documents therein mentioned, it was carried in the Affirmative, a divi-

* Marginal note reads *See Answer. P. 348.*—Ed.

sion being called by Mr Mulligan and seconded by Mr Haight. as follows:

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	R. Strong	Alderman	Leroy
	S. Strong	Messrs	Bogardus
	Mott		Haight
	Wood		Mulligan.
Messrs	Torbert		
	Ludlam		
	Demarest.		

[301] Mr Mulligan, seconded by Alderman Leroy, gave notice that he should move for a reconsideration of said Question, at the next meeting.*

Resolved that the Street Commissioner ascertain and report to this Board the expediency of continuing the square called "Hamilton Square" to the middle road, to be laid out when the lease of the ground expires.†

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 6.

Joseph Taylor, vice John Haswell, deceased.

No 29.

Jesse M. Chappel. Carpenter, v. Luther Reed, resigd
Abraham Mabie, Mason. v. Barnt Deklyne. do
William Jenkins. Wheelwright. v. Wm P. Gilbert. do
David Osborn. Carpenter. v. John Reese. do
Peter Henion. do v. Fras Deklyne. do

John Blauvelt Peter Wanmaker Abraham Wanmaker William Derunden John Degraw James Sarvent additional members.

No 31.

Christopher Mildeberger, v. John Perry, resd
Isaac Samo. v. Josiah B. Benedick, do

[302] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 430.	Caleb Archer for Plank for Engine Houses	.....	$16.66
431.	do do for Wells	.....	36.38
432.	Fogel & Pell for iron work for Pumps	.....	1.25
433.	Saffin & Marsh, Marshals executing Sunday law	.....	32.
434.	Oliver Waldron, Superintendant of roads	.....	691.76
435	Joseph Boyd, cartage for Supt of repairs	.....	108.50

* Marginal note reads *See P. 314.*—En.
† Marginal note reads *See Report: P. 324.*—En.

No 436	Daniel Davis, repairs to Pumps	$65.25
437.	Peter Fenton, timber for Docks	5.
438	Daniel McFarlane, repairs to Pumps	59.75
439	Jacob Benteen, watching powder Magazine	48.
440.	Thomas Anderson, for Hugh Brice, balle of contract for regulating Elm Street	150.
441.	Jacob Morton, on acct of Commrs for laying out roads	1500.
442.	Leonard Bleecker, Treasurer of the Free School Society	4000.

[303] In Common Council. November 2d 1807.

Present Marinus Willett Esquire Mayor.

		Messrs Andrew Morris	
Roger Strong, Dep. Mayor		Gerard Depeyster	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Demarest	
John P. Ritter	Esquires	Samuel Torbert	Assistants.
Jacob Mott	Aldermen.	Stephen Ludlam	
Selah Strong		Robert Bogardus	
Jacob Leroy.		John W. Mulligan	
		Benjamin Haight	

This being Quarter day, the Mayor and Members of the Common Council proceeded to visit the Alms House and Bridewell, the respective apartments and Wards of which were found in complete order: after which the Board proceeded to business.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Capt. Goodheart reported that Stephen Britten one of his Company is dead, & recommended Christopher Merkle a substitute in his Company to be appointed in his place, which was referred [304] to the Watch Committee.

Reports from Captains Lawrence, Van Wart, Farrington, Hays, White and Goodheart on the State of the Public Lamps were referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of John Thurman for a water grant in the East river, was referred to the Comptroller.*

A Petition of Gabriel Furman for a water grant at Corlaer's Hook, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of William Bayard for a water grant at Greenwich, was referred to the Comptroller.

†A Memorial of William Hunter and others proprietors of Water Lots at Corlaer's Hook, complaining against delinquents not carrying out bulkheads, agreeably to Ordinance, on the easterly line of Corlaer Street, between Grand and Cherry Streets, together with

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 355.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 55.*—Ed.

A memorial of Thomas and John Gardner respecting said Ordinance, were read,

Whereupon Resolved, that Messrs Gardners be allowed a Water grant in front of their property on the usual terms, with liberty to improve the same, and they, as well as all others concerned, be compelled to carry the aforesaid Ordinance into effect.

[305] A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 30. for a New Fire Engine, representing the present Engine belonging to said Company not worthy repair, was referred to the Fire Department.*

†The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for regulating Van Dam Street which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Rynder Street.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Simon Ackerman to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner reported on the repaving and reconstruction of the lateral sewers in Broad Street, and presented the following Resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the lateral sewer at the West side of the main sewer in Broad Street and to the South of Pearl Street to be taken up and constructed in a similar manner to that on the opposite side, and that an Ordinance be passed in conformity thereto.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner has the honour to inform the Board, that during last Summer he attended several surveys with Mr Bridges [306] and Mr A. Loss to ascertain the line of Broadway from the North of Leonard Street to the houses built by Mr Hattrick and Mr Thompson and after having consulted Mr Stillwell & Mr Charles Loss on the subject, it was agreed that the line on the West side of Broadway should be straight from the two points above mentioned and an accurate survey, under his inspection, was made accordingly, particularly designated the position of Buildings on that side of the Street, which survey has since been tested in various ways and found right: That he has also attended with the same persons a few days past to fix the corner of Spring Street and Broadway, and to ascertain which, it was measured with precision under his inspection, from Bayards South line, and the corner fixed after deducting 5/8ths of an

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 344.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 252.*—Ed.

Inch from each lot, being a deficiency in the whole line; where they fixed a foundation for Mr Clark, as appears from the annexed certificate of the Surveyors.

The Street Commissioner is persuaded the above measurement is correct, and agreeably to Justice, and as it is adviseable to establish the line of Broadway, as above mentioned, as well as the corner of Spring Street; that it may be a record for the future government of the Surveyors: He proposes the following resolution in respect to it.

Resolved, that the west line of Boadway [307] be straight from the houses built on the North side of Leonard Street by Francis Neuville to the houses built at the corner of Amity Street by Robert Thompson agreeably to a survey made by the Street Commissioner accompanied by Mr A. Loss and Mr Bridges as the same is on file in his Office. and

Resolved further that the survey made by the aforesaid persons fixing the foundation of a building for Mr Clark, on the Southerly Corner of Spring Street and Broadway in conformity to the aforesaid line, be confirmed as the true corner of Spring street aforesaid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Novr 2d 1807. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report.

The Street Commissioner has the honour to communicate to the Board that he was called upon by Waldron Beach to survey two lots in Spring Street, west of Broadway, and appointed to meet him there the next day at one o'clock, where he attended for that purpose with Mr Bridges. That in the morning of that day Mr Beach had caused a survey of the ground to be made by Mr A. Loss, and the same was lined and staked out by him when the subscriber came.

That Mr Beach was informed in the evening previously when he called that there was a considerable deficiency of ground on Bayard's [308] estate between Broadway and the grounds late of Col. Burr and that the Common Council had passed a Resolution that the said grounds should be equally divided amongst the proprietors so that each lot should bear a loss of its due proportion. But Mr Beach directed Mr Loss, or staked out the grounds without such deduction.

That when the Subscriber called at the time appointed, he found Mr Beach and others digging the cellar in conformity with Mr Loss' survey and he informed Mr Beach that it was wrong and at least three feet two far to the westward and directed him to desist from laying

the foundation in that place and that Mr Bridges, who was then present, would give him the true line of his lots if he wished it.

That a few days ago the Street Commissioner passing through the street, observed the foundation carried up on the same spot, level with the Street, which foundation is between two and three feet from the Street, and as aforesaid above three feet west of the true line of apportionment. That he again, in presence of Mr Brydges directed the workmen to desist raising the house, and that the foundation was incorrect. The Street Commissioner therefore submits to the Common Council to direct him whether he ought to commence a prosecution for such intrenchments on the lots and violation of the standing resolutions of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Novr 2d 1807. John S. Hunn.*

[309] Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board with directions to consult with Mr Harrison on the subject.

The following Report was read

†The Comptroller reports that in pursuance of the directions of the Board the cellar under the Market in Duane Street was on the 31st Ulto put up at auction for a lease of Five Years and six months from the 1st inst. and was struck off to Mr John J. Westervelt, at the rate of Three Hundred Dollars per annum.

All which is respectfully submitted

Novr 2d 1807. J. Morton.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

‡The Comptroller to whom was referred the application of John Jacob Astor for Water Grants opposite the property lately purchased by him on the west side of Greenwich Street, between Brannon Street and the State Prison, has the honour to report.

That the property now owned by Mr Astor bounds upon the Shore of the Hudson, from a point Fifty two feet south of King Street to Leroy Street, being three entire Blocks of two hundred feet each, with the exception of Fifty feet owned by Mr Bruce.

[310] That he has been upon the premises with the Street Commissioner and had several consultations with him respecting suitable places to be reserved for public Basins. That it appears no reserva-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 343.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 293.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 401. also See P. 319. of this Vol. P. 339.*—Ed.

tions on the East of West Street can be made to any advantage opposite Mr Astor's property except in front of the Block, between Charlton & King Streets, where it was formerly agreed to make a reservation, but which has since been partly built upon by Mr Ritter. This space including Charlton & King Streets from Washington Street westerly is recommended to be reserved affording an Area of Water Two hundred and Ninety feet wide besides the Wharves or piers and which is at Sixty feet west of Washington Street, about three feet deep at low water, from whence piers may be extended as may more particularly appear by a reference to the Map accompanying this report.

The Street Commissioner agrees in opinion with the Subscriber, that all the expanse of water from Brannon Street Wharf, for three or Four Hundred feet south of it, opposite to the mouth of Canal Street and Westerly of Washington Street ought to be reserved for public purposes, and if the Corporation reserve the right of wharfage in front of West Street from the south side of Leroy Street to the North side of Morton Street and from thence extend piers of the usual length as [311] portrayed on the Map aforesaid, the public accomodations will be as ample as will be required in that vicinity, particularly if they reserve the wharfage in front of the intersecting streets.

The Comptroller is therefore of opinion that there would be no impropriety in issuing Water grants to Mr Astor from High water mark to West street, and recommends that they be directed to be prepared for him, and also for Mr Bruce, who has already extended a Wharf, subject however to the reservations aforesaid, and upon the further condition that he unite with the Corporation to make the abovementioned piers, in manner as has been agreed to by Mr Rhinelander. The Quit rent to be the same with the grant to John P. Ritter Esqr

Which is respectfully submitted.

Nov: 2. 1807. J. Morton.
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Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken lots from No 3813. to No 3818. inclusive;

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following Report was received.

The Committee of the Fire Department [312] to whom was referred a Communication from the Engineers

Report

That having examined and seen the operations of the Hydrant at the corner of William and Liberty Street, They are of opinion that very great benefit and use may be derived from such in the speedy extinguishment of Fires, far more than by any other source yet made use of. And therefore would recommend that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Manhattan Company on this subject, and whether the privilege can be obtained for the water on reasonable terms. Then Your Committee further recommend that at least three of those Hydrants be ordered by this Board to such parts of this city as are most destitute of a supply of water; and that the Chief Engineer have the management of procuring, placing and superintending the said Hydrants under the direction of the Committee of the Fire department.

Jacob Mott
Jn° P. Ritter
John W. Mulligan.

Nov^r 2^d 1807.

Ordered that said Report be confirmed and that the same Committee be authorized to confer with the Manhattan Company accordingly.

The following Report was received.

*The Committee to whom the Letter of [313] William Lawrence was referred

Report

That as the heirs of Jacobus Kip sold their lots between Water & Front Streets as bounded on Dover Street, and which are opposite to those of William Lawrence. It is to be inferred thence that some understanding has subsisted, at least by implication, to lay open the said Street. Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that it would be improper to take any measures towards purchasing any part of the lot of said William Lawrence.

All which is submitted
Jn° P. Ritter
Rob. Bogardus.

Nov^r 2^d 1807.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 63.*—Ed.

The Clerk reported that in conformity with the Resolution of the Board, of the 18th May last, he had completed an Index of the Common Council Minutes from the 4th of August 1800, the period at which the Index prepared by Mr White left off, to this date.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Comptroller to report what compensation the Clerk may be entitled to for his services*

The Comptroller presented a contract executed on the part of Jacob Cholwell, contractor for lighting the public lamps; and the Mayor was directed to execute the counter part on the part of this Board.

[314] On the recommendation of the Market Committee a Butchers licence was ordered to be granted to Thomas A. Gilman who was also allowed the stand No 35 in Hudson Market.

Resolved that the Market Committee be directed to cause the ceiling of Duane Market to be completed, and to provide Four Lamps in said Market.

Ordered that the Comptroller call on the purchasers of the Lots at Hamilton Square, who have not paid in the purchase money to discharge the same agreeably to the terms of sale

Resolved that Mr Mulligan Alderman Wood and Mr Depeyster be a committee to effect a settlement with the purchasers of the Inklenberg lots.

†Agreeably to notice Mr Mulligan moved for a reconsideration of that part of the Report of the Committee of Defence relating to forwarding the letter to the Secretary at War together with the documents therein mentioned, which, a division being called was carried in the negative, as follows.

Affirmative	Negative
Alderman Leroy	Alderman R. Strong
Messrs Morris	[315] Alderman Ritter
Mulligan	Mott
Haight	S. Strong
	Messrs Demarest
	Torbert
	Ludlam.

Ordered that the following persons be appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election for Charter Officers and that the Polls be held in the several Wards at the places hereafter mentioned.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 326.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 301.*—Ed.

First Ward { George Brinckerhoff. / William G. Forbes / Nicholas Van Antwerp }
Poll to be held at the City Hall.

Second Ward { David Lydig / Elias Nexsen / Peter Hawes }
Poll to be held at the North Church.

Third Ward { James Anderson / Charles Warner / Robert Cheeseborough }
Poll to be held at St Paul's Church.

Fourth Ward { Jacob Cholwell / Christopher Halsted / Peter McCartee }
Poll to be held at Peirsons Porter House, William St

Fifth Ward { John P. Groshon / Lewis Ford / William Paulding. Junr }
Poll to be held at T. H. Kennedys, corner of Greenwich & Duane Streets.

[316]
Sixth Ward { John Crolius Junr / Leonard Seaman / Richard L. Walker }
Poll to be held at James Lyons, No 14 Mott Street.

Seventh Ward { Mangle Minthorne / Robert Barnes / Ephraim Brasher }
Poll to be held at Daniel Tiers, Bowery.

Eighth Ward { Aquila Giles / William W. Gilbert / Joseph Watkins }
Poll to be held at Knapps Broadway.

Ninth Ward { James Striker / Samuel Bradhurst / Samuel Hake }
Poll to be held at Abel Hardenbrooks

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board inform the foregoing persons of their respective appointments, and furnish the clerk of this City and County with a list of their names and advertise the same in the newspapers employed by this Corporation.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 7.

Lancaster Palmer Grocer, vice George Lord, resd
John Doane Combmaker, v. George Hyde do

No 25.

Samuel Montgomery, v. John Hunn
Josiah Purdy v. George Polhemus
Andrew Hall. v. Daniel Livingston
Abraham R. Stephens v. Samuel Hutchins.

[317] No 26.

John Walton, Carman, v. Israel Brush, removed

No 34.

Henry Bayard. v. William Van Wart.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 443.	Capt Nichs Lawrence City Watch		$237.16
444	" William Van Wart	dº	237.16
445	" John Farrington	dº	217.56
446	" John White	dº	217.56
447	" Jacob Hays	dº	188.16
448	" George Goodheart	dº	188.16
449	William Kay—repairs to Pumps		166.87
450	Daniel McFarlane, Balle for repairs to dº		25.
451	Leveridge & Nash, for executing Sunday Law		54.
452	John E. Giller—Marshals for dº		17.
453	John McKenzie Keeper of potters field salary		92.
454	James Hardie, Assist to City Inspector	dº	64.25
455	Edward Moran, dº to St Commr	dº	54.
456	Buchan & Clark for timber		273.32
457	Alexander Morton, Carting for Supt of repairs		142.50
458	George Walton, paving Intersections of Streets		44.68
459	John S. Hunn St Commr to pay for earth carted to Fly-market		52.37
460	dº dº to Collect		28.65
461.	dº dº labour on roads		4.
462.	dº dº dº Streets		12.88
463	John L. Van Kleeck for Lime for Gaol		14.37
464	John Wilkie, plank for Supt of repairs		105.97
466	John McGrath, repairs to Pumps		36.45
465	Brown & Earl, Pump & Well corner of Elm & Hester		15.
467	Charles Loss, City Surveyor on Acct		150.
468	Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for lighting lamps		1000.
469	Justus Dearman, Acct of Piers at Beekman slip		1000.
470	John H. Sickles, on Acct of building Committee		5000.
471	John Rice, for lost Firebucket		2.

[318] In Common Council Novr 9th 1807

Present Marinus Willett. Esqr Mayor.

Roger Strong, Dep. Mayor Selah Strong Jacob Mott Nicholas Fish John P. Ritter John D. Miller Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Gerard Depeyster Thomas Demarest Samuel Torbert John Hopper Junr John W. Mulligan Stephen Ludlam Robert Bogardus Andrew Morris Benjamin Haight.

Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Report from the Police Office that Capt Goodheart had sus-

pended John Taylor one of his Watchmen for sleeping on his Post was referred to the Watch Committee.

Reports from the Captains of the Watch on the State of the Lamps in their respective districts, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

[319] Petitions of the proprietors and inhabitants for regulating *First Street from Delancey to Stanton Street, and Second Street from Broome to Stanton Street, were referred to the Street Commissioner:

A Petition of John N. Grenzebach, requesting compensation for removing a Rock out of the public road at "Kissing Bridge was referred to the Road Committee.

Petitions of Joseph Horn and Amos Corning, to be appointed Superintendant of repairs were read and ordered to lie for consideration.

†A Petition of John Jacob Astor for a modification of the terms of his water grant in Hudson river was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in White Street for Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Communication from Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] respecting a suit instituted by him against Rogers Crandel and others for storing Fish Cars, by order, as is said, of this Board, on the Wharf of M[r] Murray and others at the Flymarket; and proposing an amicable settlement thereof, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.‡

[320] A Petition of William Johnson and Stephen Burdett, Lessees of the public wharves & Slips, against granting an intended application of Mess[rs] Schermerhorn & Codwise for the privilege of mooring a vessel in front of the bulkhead at Beekman Slip, as injurious to their lease, was referred to Aldermen S. Strong, Mott and Miller.

A Report of the Attorney of the Board in favour of remitting the penalty incurred by Sylvester L'Hommedieu for breach of the Excise law, was confirmed, as far as concerns the Board, on condition of his paying costs of suit.

A Report of the Attorney of the Board on the ||Petitions of Joseph Burjeau, Elias Flandreau, Andrew Gilchrist, Joseph Kerr, Charles Benoit and Elizabeth Morrell for remission of penalty for breach of the Excise law, against the prayer of the petitioners, was confirmed.

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*Marginal note reads *See P. 424.*—ED. †Marginal note reads *See. P. 309. P. 339.*—ED. ‡Marginal note reads *See P. 331.*—ED. ||Marginal note reads *See P. 290.*—ED.

A Report of the Attorney of the Board on the *Petitions of William Ruckle, Alexander Roland, Henry Peacock, Margaret Ireland, Patrick Gary and Isaac Gesner [321] for remission of penalty for breach of the Excise law, in favour of the Petitioners, as far as concerns the Board, on Condition of their paying costs of suit, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

†A Report of the Attorney of the Board on the petition of John Tebow, that he is confined at the suit of the Commissioners of the Alms House for arrearages due on a Bastardy Bond, and that the interference of this Board would be improper, was confirmed.

A Report of the Attorney of the Board on the petition of James Morrison,‡ that he has abated the Nuisance, on account of which the suit against him was instituted, and recommending that he be relieved on payment of costs, was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the assessment for the Bulkhead in Beekman Slip:

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of William Peters.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner has the honor to cover the Award of the Arbitrators appointed between the Corporation and the Tenants of Mr Spingler on Broadway; by which it is decided that the Corporation pay to Mr Clark|| [322] Two hundred & seventy six Dollars, to Mr Ross One hundred & Eighty five Dollars, and to Mr Wheaton Ninety Dollars, for their several interests in the ground required for the Street, deducting therefrom the amounts assessed to them respectively, which will leave a ballance to be paid to them of Four hundred & Fifty one Dollars ten cents: A warrant for which sum the Street Commissioner recommends may be directed in favor of the Comptroller or himself to pay them off.

It may here be proper to communicate to the Board a Short Statement of the case in Broadway respecting Mr Spingler.

When application was made to him to cede the Street to the Corporation, in common with his neighbours, he objected to it, on the ground that he was not equally benefitted, having a piece of land, which would be cut by the Street greatly to his disadvantage, by leaving a gore between the Bowery and Broadway. But he afterwards

* Marginal note reads *See P 290.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 291.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 290.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 137. 355.*—Ed.

signed the deed of cession, upon the express condition, which was agreed to, on the part of the Attorney and the Street Commissioner, Agents for the Corporation, that his Estate should not be charged for any part of the assessment for opening Broadway.

It was afterwards found that Mr Spingler had, previous to signing the deed, leased part of his grounds to the persons above named, [323] and the Assessors have thought proper to assess them respectively for their several portions of removing the houses and other buildings of Mr Burling and Mr Dunham, in which assessment Mr Spingler is charged Two hundred and Nine Dollars ten cents, which he conceives the Corporation ought to pay. It is further to be understood, that the condition on the part of the Corporation to release Mr Spingler was made, upon the presumption that he was to release the estate of incumbrance. And if it should be otherwise determined, and the Corporation are considered still bound to release Mr Spingler, they will be obliged to assume Six hundred & Sixty Dollars twenty cents of that Assessment instead of Three hundred and Nine Dollars which has been assessed, making an assumption of Three hundred and Fifty One Dollars twenty cents more than was intended by the Agents of the Corporation.

The Street Commissioner, knowing these circumstances, cannot take upon himself to make these settlements in the way proposed by Mr Spingler, and Solicits further instruction from the Board.

Mrs Arden who promised repeatedly to sign the deeds of cession and to whom the Street Commissioner has three or four times been with the deeds for that purpose without finding her home, now objects to making [324] the conveyance, unless the Corporation also releases her from the assessment amounting to Ninety dollars: although there appears to be no good reason for the assumption by the Corporation, particularly as Mrs Arden has sold all her interest East of and bound upon Broadway, previous to her engagements with the Corporation.

The Board will determine the course to be pursued in this respect; when there will be no further obstacle to opening that Street, except the opposition of Mr Farquhar, who assents that the agreement to cede the street through the estate he occupies, signed by a majority of the Trustees, is not binding upon them; because it was never entered upon their minutes.

All which is respectfully submitted

Novr 9th 1807. John S. Hunn.

Whereupon Resolved that the Collector of the assessment for Broadway be directed to return the names of those persons who have

not yet paid their respective assessments, in order that a Warrant may be issued to enforce payment.*

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report†

The Street Commissioner being directed by a Resolution of the Board to examine the [325] propriety of appropriating a leased lot in the Commons N° 113 (after the expiration of the lease) for a public opening or square, has the honor to Report.

That he has sketched the inclosed plan of the premises together with Hamilton Square adjoining thereto on the East, in order to shew its relative situation to that place.

That the Lot contemplated to be reserved for that purpose does not open directly opposite the said square, but runs 105 feet northerly of the North line of the intended houses, and being only 260 feet broad, brings the South line a little to the South of the Centre of the Square and consequently would not materially improve that neighbourhood by being opened as it is.

That M^r Brasher who owns the Lot immediately South of Lot N° 113. has been consulted, and he agrees that if the Corporation consent to open Hamilton Square to Manhattan Avenue he will immediately convey to them so much of the Lot N° 110, as may be required for that purpose, on Condition the Corporation convey to him the residue of Lot N° 113, subject to the conditions of the lease.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that such proposition will release the Board from all the difficulties suggested in consequence of the position of Lot N° 113. and if adopted will contribute [326] much to the advantage of the neighbouring property and an additional public improvement. But the Board are to judge of the expediency of the measure. It might be objected that the Commissioners are delegated with authority to lay out Squares &c^a and that it would be infringing upon their privileges to act in this business; but it is well understood on the contrary, that the Commissioners do not pretend to possess the right of altering any Streets accepted or laid out by the Corporation, as provision has been made in the Law to prevent their interfering or altering those streets; so that they neither have the disposition or power to alter or prevent any arrangements the Corporation may make with respect to their Common Lands

All which is respectfully submitted

Nov^r 9^th 1807. John S. Hunn.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 354.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 301. 370. 389.*—Ed.

Ordered that the same be referred to Mr Depeyster, Alderman Miller and Mr Mulligan.*

†The Comptroller to whom the subject was referred reported the compensation due to the Clerk for preparing an Index to the Minutes, estimated at the rate allowed Mr White for the same purpose, at Two hundred Dollars, which was confirmed and a warrant ordered to be issued in his favour accordingly.

Warrt No 487.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 3819 to [327] No 3825 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

On receiving the Report of the Market Committee, ordered that Richard Platt be allowed a stand in Grand Street market, and that the Mayor be requested to grant him a butcher's licence.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 8

Peter R. Sprainger, Shoemaker, v. Stephen Huestis, resd

No 11

William Seaman, Sadler, 111 Pearl St v. James Norris

Floating Engine

John Brown, vice George Mason expelled
Matthew Daniel, Junr v. John Utt Junr do
Peter Hacock. v. John Butler do
Thomas Dickenson v. John Barrow. decd

No 25.

The Election of Joseph Dodge, who is drafted to serve in the Militia, v. Isaac Randall decd was rejected.

Warrt No 488. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Superintendant of the Alms House for $3000.

[328] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No 472.	Andrew S. Leary, for repairs to Engine Houses			$76.50
473.	do	do	Gaol	60.74
474	do	do	Streets	12.75
475	do	do	Docks	4.50
476	do	do	Bridewell	96.75
477.	do	do	Markets	16.50
478.	do	do	Pumps	39.37

* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 370.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 313.*—Ed.

Nº 479.	George McCamman, labour for Supt of repairs.....		$29.
480.	Mark McCamman	dº	35.
481.	George Lowther	dº	24.75
482.	Alexander Dobbins	dº	22.
483.	Amos Rooke, keeper of signal Poles.....		82.50
484.	Richd Burchan, furnishing list of Ship passengers.....		41.66
485.	James Byrd, for 4 lost Fire buckets.....		8.
486.	Daniel McFarlane, Repairs to Wells.....		55.68
487.	John Pintard, preparing Index to Com. Coun. Min.....		200.
488.	Richard Furman, Supt of Alms House.....		3000.

[329] In Common Council, Novr 16th 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Gerard Depeyster	Assistants.
Selah Strong		John W. Mulligan	
Thurston Wood		Robert Bogardus	
Jacob Leroy		Thomas Demarest	
Wynant Van Zandt, Junr		Andrew Morris	
John P. Ritter		Benjamin Haight	
Nicholas Fish		Stephen Ludlam.	
John D. Miller			

Freeman Samuel Marsh. qualified.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Captain White had suspended Henry Foos, for sleeping on his post was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Petition of John Keese setting forth that he has been served with an Ordinance to raise his lots at the foot of Stanton Street, which lots he conceives not to be within the intent of the Ordinance passed for the purpose of preserving said Street, and praying [330] an exemption therefrom, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Divie Bethune for a water grant, at Greenwich, to the permanent line was referred to the Comptroller.†

A Petition of William Badeau Carman, praying remittance of the penalty for not making his return on the stated day for the August quarter was read and granted.

Petitions from Henry A. Coster and John Gerhard Coster, for water grants in front of their property Nº 44 and 45. South Street, lately belonging to the estate of Theophylact Bache deceased. who in

*Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 14.*—Ed.
†Marginal note reads *See. P. 359.*—Ed.

his life time had omitted to take out a deed for the same, were read and referred to the Comptroller.*

†A Petition of the Proprietors and Inhabitants for regulating Walker Street, between Church and Chapel Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for the removal of a Pump in the centre of Pump Street to the side walk at the corner of said Street and Orchard Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward, with power to perform the same.

A Petition of Samuel Lockman to be permitted to erect a lime house in Broad Street, for the [331] purpose of storing lime, through the winter, was rejected.

A Petition of Henry Marsh, Constable, of the Second Ward, and candidate for that office at the ensuing election for charter officers, to be made a Freeman was granted.

A Petition of Peter Lorillard, stating that the Comptroller did not consider himself authorized to grant him a lease for the Lot occupied by him on the North side of Chatham Street at the yearly rent of Two hundred Dollars, agreeably to the report of the Committee to that effect and praying that his lease may be made out subject to said rent, was granted.

‡The Communication from Jos: Ogden Hoffman Esqr respecting the suit of Messrs Murray and others against Rogers Crandell, referred at the last meeting to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

‖The Street Commissioner reported a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Front Street from Peck Slip to James Slip.

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of William Peters.

§The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Lewis Street from Grand to Broome Street, which was confirmed and [332] Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of a Vacant Lot in Henry Street, for which no owner can be discovered, recommending that the same be advertised for sale, agreeably to law, to defray the assessment on said Lot for regulating Henry Street, which was confirmed.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 356.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 411.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 319.*—Ed. ‖ Marginal note reads *See P. 252.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 96.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred a Petition of Thomas Timpson, Gabriel Furman and sundry other persons, a large majority of the proprietors on Lombard Street, between Walnut Street and Corlaer's Street, requesting the Corporation to accept of deeds of cession from them respectively of five feet on each side of the Street in order to make it 60 feet in width, being now only 50 feet has the honor to Report,

That he has examined the premises and finds that it would be adviseable to extend the width of said Street, as there are no buildings now upon it except the house of Mr Timpson which is set back to meet such contingency; and as wide Streets are always to be desired, there appears no reason for rejecting the prayer of the petitioners.

That upon investigating the proprietors he has found that the heirs of Byvanck, being in their [333] minority, Garrit N. Bleecker who owns one lot, Mr Gardener & Mr George Janeway are the only persons who have not signed the petition or consented to cede the ground.

That the Street Commissioner has delayed reporting upon the said petition upon the presumption that the reference to him was for the purpose only of making out the deeds of cession. but as Mr Schiefflin is now about building upon his grounds in said Street, and will, if not otherwise directed go to the original front line, it becomes necessary for the Board to pass some particular act respecting their intention of accepting such cession: Mr Scheifflin being perfectly willing to recede the five feet required and to convey it to the Corporation, if they adopt the measure.

The Street Commissioner therefore begs leave to propose the following resolution upon this subject.

Resolved that Lombard Street, which is now 50 feet in width, be made Sixty feet wide from Walnut Street to Corlaers Street, by taking five feet from the front of the Lots on each side, and that the Street Commissioner take order to obtain the Cession thereof and report the names of the persons who refuse to cede the same.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Warrt No° 507. [334] On recommendation of the Street Commissioner, Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of William Bridges City Surveyor, on account for $50.

Warrt No° 508. On recommendation of the Street Commissioner Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of John Meghan, on account, for paving in front of Whitehall Slip for $200.

The Street Commissioner presented the following returns.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to cover Eight returns of Delinquents upon the following Assessments, received, during the last week, of John Bussing, Viz[t]

Sixth Street .....for.....	$35.97
Grand Street	263.17½
Warren Street	857.33
Delancey Street	666.17
Henry Street	36.86
Bowery lane, where done.....	126.51
Stanton Street	669. 8
Third Street	8.50
	$2663.59½

and recommends that warrants be directed to issue in favor of Richard Clarkson to collect the money.

The Street Commissioner is enabled by these returns to present a pretty correct statement of the affairs of M[r] Bussing and the Corporation as he has adjusted with him all the Assessments [335] formerly in his hands and credited him with the returns.

The Assessments for which John P. Anthony and Job Furman were security have been adjusted as follows.

The Ballance due from Bussing on Division Street was.....	$20.51
The Ballance due from him on Bullock Street was.....	43.31
making	63.82
from which was deducted a Sum said to be overpaid by Bussing on Grand Street	16.76
leaving a net sum of	$47. 6

which the sureties have paid.

The sum as ascertained and due upon the assessments returned and in hands of M[r] Bussing independent of the returns and payments are as follow.

On Warren Street	$214.67
Gouverneur Street	22.67
Henry Street	16.25
Sixth Street	4.41
Grand Street, N[o] 1.....	58.47
Bowery lane	39.85
Stanton Street	235.70
Delancey Street	59.
Mott Street	121.20
Third Street	.84
Attorney Street	136.50

On Grand Street, N° 2		$52.92
Mulberry Street		79. 2
Spring Street		44.10
Roosevelt Street		41.41
Amts to		$1127. 1

[336] That from the above sum the following are to be deducted, being sums said to be overpaid by mistake viz[t]

On Third Street	8.50	
Mulberry S[t] N° 2	3.20	
Orange S[t]	161.57	
Front S[t]	6.17	
		179.44

Leaving a Net balance due from M[r] Bussing upon the whole Assessments	947.57
The Street Commissioner has further to state that the Sum of	355.57
is covered by securities on the Bonds, leaving	$592.

due, and for which no security has been obtained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John S. Hunn.

Nov[r] 16. 1807. S[t] Comm[r]

N. B. The Sum on Henry Street is due to Bussing instead of Corporation being $16.25.

making the charges only	$1110.76
and consequently the credit	195.69
being Balle	915. 7

Ordered that the preceding Returns be referred to Mess[rs] Mulligan, Ludlam and Alderman Mott.

The Comptroller presented the following Report,

*The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of the Heirs of Anthony Lispenard deceased, praying for a Water grant in front of their premises [337] bounded formerly by the Hudson river, has the honour to Report,

That the original front which M[r] Lispenard had upon the river was about Four hundred and forty four feet, and extending easterly a considerable distance towards Broadway, and through which the Corporation have projected Canal Street, One hundred feet in width.

That Canal Street will unite with Washington Street nearly in the centre of the grounds sollicited by the petitioners.

That upon consulting the Street Commissioner and agreeably to the report upon the petition of M[r] Astor, it is thought expedient, if not absolutely necessary to reserve a considerable space of water at

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 464. also Vol. 17. P. 378.*—Ed.

the mouth of the intended Canal, not only for the free access through it, and to project such works as may be thought necessary there, but also to afford a spacious basin, for the accommodation of the public, which will be the more necessary, if it should be determined to make the Canal navigable.

That, however, it does not appear necessary to reserve the whole of the front of Mr Lispenard for such Basin, and the Comptroller is of opinion that there would be no impropriety in granting to the petitioners all the grounds to the East side of Washington Street, reserving the whole breadth of Canal Street, and such portion of Broome Street [338] as may run through the premises, agreeably to the Map of Canal and other Streets, laid out through Mr Lispenard's Meadows, and said by the Street Commissioner to have been presented by him and adopted by the Board.

The Comptroller further reports that it is believed the petitioners ought to have a further grant to West Street for a breadth of One hundred feet, on the Southern boundary of the premises, with condition to make a street of thirty feet along the Basin, which will leave a space of about three hundred feet for public purposes and which it is thought will be as much as may be necessary to reserve.

The Comptroller therefore recommends in substance that Mr Lispenards heirs receive water grants for all the ground fronting their premises from high water mark, to the East side of Washington Street, on the usual terms, reserving the whole breadth of Canal and Broome Streets as aforesaid, and with condition to make those Streets, as well as half of Washington Street, in front of the aforesaid Basin. That they have a further grant for One hundred feet, taken from their most Southern boundary, from the centre of Washington Street to the permanent line, reserving Washington and West Streets; and with condition to make a street thirty feet in width from the centre of Washington Street to the permanent [339] line on the North thereof and along the said Basin And lastly, that the said Heirs receive the wharfage in front of the aforesaid One hundred feet, and the Corporation to unite with the petitioners to make the bulkhead of the Basin along Washington Street, and thereafter keep it in repair, as they will receive the wharfage in the manner it is arranged at the Corporation Dock.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Comptroller's Office.
Novr 16. 1807.

J. Morton.
Comptr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the application of John Jacob Astor* for a recommendation of the terms upon which the water grant is to be made reports

That he has conversed with Mr Astor and has heard his objections to the terms fixed by the Comptroller in his late report. Mr Astor urges an extension of the term from fifteen to Thirty years for the payment of the first established quit rent on the ground that it will be a considerable time before the property can be made at all productive to him. As the Board have been governed by similar considerations in fixing the quit rent upon the property on the East river, and the Comptroller thinks Mr Astor's suggestions have equal weight with those that have [340] been urged for the proprietors on the East river, he would therefore recommend that similar indulgence be granted to him.

Which is respectfully submitted.

J. Morton.

Novr 16th 1807 Comptr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of Adam and Noah Brown praying for a Water grant, Reports

That in his opinion it would be proper to give them a grant for soil under water in front of their premises, from high water mark to a point in the East river, twenty feet east of the continuation of the East line of Mangin Street and on each side parallel to North Street, Reserving Mangin Street Seventy feet wide, Goerck Street Sixty feet wide, Lewis Street Fifty feet wide and North Street Fifty feet wide, with the usual conditions of making and upholding the same and upon the rent established by the Board.

Which is respectfully submitted.

J. Morton.

Novr 16. 1807. Comptr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[341] The Comptroller presented the following Report.

†The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of John R. Livingston for a water grant

Reports that in his opinion it would be proper to establish a public

* Marginal note reads *See P. 319 P. 378.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 342.*—Ed.

Slip or Basin on the East river in front of the grounds owned by the petitioner and that a reservation for that purpose ought to be made.

*He would therefore recommend that a grant issue to Mr Livingston for the soil under water in front of his premises from High water mark to the centre of Goerck Street, reserving the waters east for a Slip or Basin, with conditions to make half of Goerck Street Sixty feet wide and Lewis Street Fifty feet wide, half of Stanton and half of Rivington Streets to the centre of Goerck Street.

All which is submitted

J. Morton.
Compt[r]

Novr 16th 1807.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector presented the following report.

The City Inspector has the honour to report that agreeably to Law he has received returns from the Chief Engineer of the names and places of abode of the several Members composing the Fire department of this city whose number appears as follows.

[342] Engineers	7	Fire Company	
Fire Wardens	48	Brot over	469
Fire Company		No 19	22
No 1	24	20	20
2.	24	21	13
3	32	22	13
4	12	23	22
5	24	24	30
6	20	25	40
7	15	26	30
8	30	27	20
9	18	28	10
10	22	29	20
11	22	30	11
12	24	31	16
13	24	32	25
14	24	33	10
15	27	34	22
16	24	Floating Engine	40
17	24		833.
18	24	Hook & Ladder No 1	18
	469	2	18
			36
		Total	869

*Marginal note reads *See P. 415.*—Ed.

Recapitulation

Engineers	7
Fire Wardens	48
Fire Engine Men	778
Hook & Ladder	36
Total	869
The total number last year was	761

Increase of Fire Enginemen 108. in the course of the current year.

The Law requires that the names be published in the course of the present month.

Which is respectfully submitted
John Pintard
City Inspecr

Novr 16th 1807.

[343] Ordered that the Returns be published in the papers employed by this Board.

*The following Opinion was received from Mr Harison on the Report of the Street Commissioner respecting a building erected by Waldron Beach in Spring Street.

I am of opinion that the Corporation had no authority to apportion the deficiency in Mr Bayards land, which was a subject that could only be settled by agreement of the parties interested or by a legal decision, and I am further of opinion that as the Laws now stand, any person may build back from the Street, but cannot encroach upon it.

N York. 16th Novr 1807. Richard Harison.

The following Communication was received from the Fire Department.

At a meeting of the Engineers. 11th Octr 1807.

A request from Abel W. Hardenbrook Foreman of Engine No 25. that an addition of ten men be made to that Company in consequence of their having an extra length of Leaders and a waggon attached to the Engine for the purpose of more speedily conveying the leaders to a fire Wherefore Resolved, that the Chief Engineer be directed to apply to the Corporation to grant the request.

The Petition referred from the Corporation [344] to us, relative to the inability of Engine No 30 and requesting a new Engine in lieu thereof on considering the subject, it is our opinion, that an Engine

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 307.*—Ed.

now repairing will be competent to supply her place, and the Chief Engineer is directed to give this information to the Corporation.

Extracts from the Minutes
Thos Franklin. Secy

Ordered that the Fire Company No 25 be augmented with ten additional members, and that Fire Engine No 30.* be replaced, agreeably to the recommendation of the Engineers.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Anthony Jones,† Report

That upon enquiry and examining the premises they have collected the following State of facts.

First. That Mr Jones began to build on his lot in Thompson Street in November last, the lots on each side being built upon he supposed that the line of the Street was parallel with the fronts of said houses and consequently commenced building his house upon the same line with the other houses. A few days after he had begun to lay the foundation of his house, he was informed that the line on which he was building was not correct. He immediately, on receiving this information applied [345[to Mr Loss to survey his Lot and to give him the right line of the Street. Mr Loss after surveying the said Lot, directed Mr Jones to proceed in building his house in the manner he had begun it, that he was right as to the line of the Street.

Secondly. That sometime after Mr Bridges by order of the Street Commissioner surveyed said Thompson Street and reported that the said house was four feet on the Street, he consequently ordered Mr Jones to stop building, which order has been complied with by Mr Jones to this time.

Mr Jones' house is brick with cut stone foundation in front: the first tier of beams was laid and the rear and two side walls raised sufficient to receive the second tier; a Stone area and a brick cistern with a stone well in the yard, all finished when he received orders to stop building.

Exclusive of the loss Mr Jones sustains by the loss of rent which cannot be calculated at less than one year, the walls have received so much injury by being exposed to the weather in an unfinished state as to be insufficient for the building, and must, consequently be taken down.

The Committee are of opinion that some compensation is due to

* Marginal note reads *See P. 305.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 237.*—Ed.

Mr Jones and that One hundred and fifty Dollars, will be reasonable in the case;* and as a number of buildings are erected on this Street, likewise on Sullivan Street, directly in the rear, which would all be affected by the alteration in the street of the said four feet, and [346] the proprietors of which would all be entitled to receive compensation for cutting off part of their houses:

The Committee therefore recommend that the said Street remain in the same situation for the present as it was when Mr Loss surveyed it, conceiving no material injury can result therefrom, and that the said four feet of ground, on which the said buildings are erected, be leased, to the proprietors of said buildings respectively, for a term not exceeding twenty one years at an annual rent of One Dollar, on condition that at the expiration of said leases, the said proprietors, their heirs or assigns will remove their buildings from off the said four feet of ground, and will lay the said Street open, agreeably to a clause to be inserted in each of the said leases respectively.

Novr 16. 1807.

Stepn Ludlam
Robt Bogardus

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

†The Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Mary Hazen and James Nesbitt presented the following Report

That on investigation they find that the two lots of ground now in possession of Mary Hazen and James Nesbitt were formerly in possession of Daniel Shaffer: After his decease his Executors sold the same at auction to John Spies, who immediately thereafter sold the part now occupied by [347] James Nesbit to Mary Hazen: But the daughter of said Shaffer and wife of John Greenwalt, and who occupied at same time the premises, not being content and satisfied with the sale, an arrangement took place, whereby the said John Greenwalt was to retain the part he occupied. Accordingly a lease was given by the Executors to Mary Hazen for the two lots and she the said Mary Hazen by David Marsh her Trustee executed a lease to John Greenwalt dated May. 1st 1800. And for which a deduction was made by the Executors out of his wife's dividend of the Estate; and in November following John Greenwalt sold and set over the lease to John King: and in August 1801, John King did transfer the lease to James Nesbit. From the above facts stated Your Committee are of opinion that a Lease ought to be granted to James Nesbit of part of Lot No 115 to contain twenty five feet six inches in front and rear at the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 359.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 83. 120. 357. 366.*—Ed.

rate of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars for thirty feet which will be Two hundred and twelve Dollars fifty cents, the yearly rent for the same.

And Whereas it appears from the lease given by David Marsh, that the twenty five feet six inches in front continues only towards the rear for the space of seventeen feet three inches and from thence along to the end of the Lot Nineteen feet six inches in breadth; Your Committee are of opinion that the Lot ought to continue on a straight line, but that it be suffered to remain as the line now runs, (excepting that part which is in fence) [348] for three years from the First day of May next and at the expiration of three years the said James Nesbit shall cause the parts, as shall be required to be taken down, to be finished off again as expeditiously as possible and in as good a manner as it now is. And that said Nesbit be permitted to use such materials as shall be taken down as far as they may be fit to be used: and further that the said Nesbit shall pay and allow the sum of Ten Dollars to Mary Hazen as a compensation for the inconvenience she may sustain thereby. Also that a Lease be granted to Mary Hazen of Lot N° 114 and part of Lot N° 115. containing thirty four feet six inches in front and rear at the Yearly rent of Two hundred and Eighty seven Dollars and fifty cents

All which is respectfully submitted

Nov^{r} 16. 1807.

Jn° P. Ritter
Jacob Morton.

Ordered that this *report lie for consideration.

The Mayor presented the following letter from the Secretary at War which was read and ordered to be published.†

War Department Nov^{r} 12th 1807.

Sir

Your letter of the 3^{d} inst. accompanied by a report of a Committee of the Corporation of the City of New York, two reports of Col. Williams a chart of the Harbor, and an estimate of the expense of a line of blocks, has been duly received and [349] submitted to the consideration of the President of the United States, who has authorised me to say, that there will be no indisposition on his part to the extension of the means of defence for the harbor and City of New York, as contemplated by the Corporation whenever a suitable cession of the

* Marginal note reads *Confirmed Nov. 23^{d} Page 357.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 299.*—Ed.

bed of the harbor shall be made by the Legislature of the State, and the necessary funds are provided by Congress. I have written to Governor Tompkins on the subject, and have indicated the expediency of such an Act of the Legislature as the case may require.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully Sir
Your ob. Servt
H. Dearborn.

Honorable
Marinus Willett
Mayor of the City of New York.

Aldermen Fish, Miller, and Van Zandt } were appointed a Committee to confer with His Excellency Governor Tompkins on the subject of selecting a site for erecting a Powder Magazine.*

Miller, and Aldermen Fish, Mr Bogardus } were appointed a Committee of arrangements, to provide a public dinner in celebration of the Twenty fourth Anniversary of the Evacuation of this City by the British Forces, 25th Novr 1783.

Resolved that the pump at the intersection of Reed and Chapel Streets be removed to the [350] side walk under the inspection of the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward.

Resolved that the Board assent to the Mortgage executed by Adolph Catterfeld to Nicholas Steele dated 9th May 1807. upon a lot of ground under lease from this Board, so however that this Assent do not in any wise interfere with the rights and interest of this Board.

Resolved that the respective Captains of the Watch report to the sitting Magistrate at the City Prison, every morning, the Lamps in their several districts which shall not be, or which may not continue sufficiently lighted on the nights for lighting the same.

Ordered that the Comptroller prepare a grant in favour of Peter Schermerhorn for Six feet of ground along the west side of Beekman Slip commencing on Front Street and terminating on South Street.†

Ordered that the Comptroller dispense with the following covenants in the Lease of Common lands to Oliver Vanderbilt, vizt‡

Not assigning said Lease without consent of Common Council
For paving Streets, and
leaving the premises in fence at the expiration of the Lease.

The Comptroller represented that Henry Meghan assignee of a lease of property belonging to the [351] Corporation in Chatham Street was considerably in arrears for rent, notwithstanding repeated applications for payment.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 14.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 416.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 263.*—Ed.

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board take legal Measures to recover the same.

Alderman Fish presented an Account of Anthony Smith for expences attending the Election in the 9th Ward, held at his house last Spring, which was certified by the Inspectors amounting to $22.75.

Warrt No 509. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for the same.

Warrt No 511. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles on account of the Building Committee for $500.

Warrt No 510. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for lighting the public Lamps, for $1000.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 1.

Martin Pulis, vice William Chrystie, resigned.

No 12.

Ira C. Day, Merchant, vice, Samuel Burling do

No 14.

Jackson Haines, Grocer, vice, John Hallowell. do

No 30

William Spinegle, vice John A. Harris. do

[352] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 489.	Capt Nichs Lawrence, City Watch		$237.16
490.	" William Van Wart.	do	237.16
491	" John Farrington	do	217.56
492	" John White	do	217.56
493	" Jacob Hays	do	188.16
494	" George Goodheart	do	188.16
495.	Margaret Van Orden, quarr rent of Watch house		25.
496	March & Saffen, Marshals executing Sunday law		6.
497.	Deklyne & Cunningham, Dock logs for Slips		15.81
498	Thomas Smith for Blacksmiths work for Pumps		53.20
499	do	do Gaol	66.22
500	do	do Bridewell	55.83
501	Gosman & McComb, paving intersections of Streets		178.60
502.	do	do before Duane market	140.68
503.	Caleb Archer, Plank for Engine House		52. 8
504.	do	do Plank	70.81
505.	Daniel Davis, Repairs to Pumps		80.62
506.	William Dustan, Collector for Assessments for paving intersections of Pine & Greenwich Sts		172.36
507.	William Bridges, City Surveyor, on acct		90.

N° 508.	John Meghan, on acct for paving Whitehall Slip.....	$200.
509.	Anthy Smith expences of Elecn of 9th Ward.....	22.75
510.	Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for lighting public lamps.....	1000.
511	John H. Sickles, on acct of Building Committee.....	500.
512.	Gosman & McComb, for stone & paving before Markets....	671.46

[353] In Common Council, Novr 23d 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor

Roger Strong, Deputy Mayor	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Gerard Depeyster	Assistants.
Selah Strong		John Hopper, Junr	
Wynant Van Zandt, Junr		Thomas Demarest	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Benjamin Haight	
Jacob Mott		Samuel Torbert	
John P. Ritter		Andrew Morris	
John D. Miller		Robert Bogardus	
		John W. Mulligan	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Report of Capt Goodheart, on the State of the public Lamps was referred to the Lamp Committee.

*A Petition of John McKesson for a water grant opposite his property on the North side of Stanton Street was referred to the Comptroller.

[354] A Petition of the inhabitants and proprietors for repaving Hague Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to the order of the Board† has the honour to present Lewis Angevine's report of Delinquents on the Assessment for opening Broadway, and recommends that a warrant issue to the said Angevine to collect the money.

The Street Commissioner begs leave to call the attention of the Board to the enclosed report made by him, respecting Broadway on the 9th inst. the principle of which is entirely unconnected with the report of Mr Angevine.

The Arbitrators were duly appointed, and having made the award, it is believed the board are bound to comply therewith, as far as respects the money to be paid to Messrs Clarke, Ross and Wheaton. Any demand the Board may have against Mr Spingler, as stated in said report, is a separate business and can as well be adjusted afterwards.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 68.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 324.*—Ed.

It will be impossible to collect the residue of the money, unless these matters are decided and the Street opened

Which is respectfully submitted

Nov^{r} 23^{d} 1807. John S. Hunn.
S^{t} Comm^{r}

Warr^{t} N^{o} 529. Whereupon Ordered that a warrant to enforce [355] payment be issued in favour of Lewis Angevine, and that a warrant be issued, in favour of the Street Commissioner, on the Treasurer, to pay the amount of damages awarded to Mess^{rs} Clarke,* Ross and Wheaton.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

†The Street Commissioner has the honor to communicate to the Board, That Mess^{rs} Ogden and Riggs the arbitrators appointed to adjust the area of ground for which M^{r} Duggan ought to be paid, are ready to enter upon that business, but will not proceed until Bonds are interchanged between M^{r} Duggan and the Corporation and put into their hands to stand to their award.

The Street Commissioner having no authority to sign such Bonds and conceiving that there would be no impropriety in making such engagement, recommends that an Order pass that the seal of the Corporation be affixed to an Arbitration Bond for the aforesaid purpose, in like manner as was directed in the case with M^{r} Janeway.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Nov^{r} 23^{d} 1807. John S. Hunn.
S^{t} Comm^{r}

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Reports of the Comptroller in favour of the Petitions of John Thurman‡ and Thomas Post for Water grants in the East river, East of Dover Street, were read and ordered to lie for consideration.

[356] The Comptroller presented the following Report.

||The Comptroller to whom was referred the several Petitions of Henry A. Coster and John G. Coster, praying for water grants,

Reports that the Petitioners are purchasers of the estate of Theophylact Bache dec^{d} situate in the First Ward, consisting of Two Warehouses in South Street and a Pier extending into the East river. That it is represented by the Petitioners that although an Order had passed the Board for granting to said T. Bache the soil under water

* Marginal note reads *See P. 137. 321.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 250.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 304 & Vol. 16. P. 326. See V. 18. P. 433.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See. P. 330.*—ED.

upon which the said Ware houses are built, yet that from some neglect on the part of Mr Bache the grant was never issued. The Comptroller has searched the minutes of the Board, as far as they are indexed, but cannot find any such order as that alluded to. For part of the water Lot applied for, he believes no grants are ever given, as it extends beyond the line of 400 feet owned by the Corporation. But he is induced to believe that Mr Bache has built upon a part of the water lot for which no grant has ever been given, and, for that, he would recommend a grant to issue upon the usual terms and upon the further consdition that the Petitioners pay a quit rent upon the same, from the time at which Mr Bache took the same into possession.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Novr 23d 1807. J. Morton
Comptr

[357] Ordered that the same be confirmed and that grants be made to Henry A. Coster and John G. Coster, provided it should appear, on further examination, that no grants have heretofore been made for the same premises.

The Comptroller presented the following Report

The Comptroller to whom was referred the account of Stephen Gould for printing done during the Mayoralty of Edward Livingston Esqr

Reports that upon examining the accounts of the former Chief Magistrates of this City, he finds that similar charges have been paid by the Corporation, and those services being for objects respecting the due administration of the Police of the City, he is of opinion that they are properly chargeable to the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. Morton
Comptr

Novr 23d 1807

Warrt Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant No 527. be issued in favour of Stephen Gould for $.55.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken Lots and correcting other Nuisances, from No 3286 to 3291. inclusive

Ordered that the same do pass.

The *Report of the Committee on the petition of Mary Hazen and James Nesbitt, presented at the last meeting, was called up and confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See Page. 346. 366.*—ED.

[358] An Account of William Wilmerding & S. Halle employed to take the Census of the 9th Ward was referred to the Comptroller.

Resolved that the Aldermen of the Seventh and Ninth Wards, together with the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be a Committee to examine and report suitable reservations for public Slips along the East river from Corlaer's Hook northward as far as the Corporation right to grant soil under water extends.

*Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for regulating South Street, in front of the property belonging to Lewis Moore and the Heirs of John Rogers deceased.

Ordered that the City Inspector prepare Ordinances for raising the Lots on the North side of Front Street, from Peck Slip to New Slip, level with the Street.†

Whereas some person or persons, as yet unknown, broke up, sometime since, part of the pavement at the foot of Roosevelt Street, therefore

Resolved that the Street Commissioner, without delay, cause the same to be repaved: And that the Attorney of the Board commence a suit against the person or persons who broke up said pavement as soon as discovered.

‡A Motion of Mr Bogardus to allow Oliver Jaques the sum of One Hundred Dollars, in lieu [359] of 5 per cent heretofore granted, as a compensation for collecting the assessment for opening Canal Street, which was set aside, was carried in the affirmative, a division being called, as follows:

Affirmative			Negative	
Alderman	Wood	Messrs Hopper	Alderman	R. Strong
	Fish	Demarest		S. Strong
	Mott	Ludlam	Messrs	Haight
	Ritter	Morris		Mulligan.
	Miller	Bogardus		

Warrt No 528. Ordered that a Warrant|| be issued in favour of Anthony Jones for $150 agreeably to the report of the Committee for damages for suspending the progress of his building in Thompson Street.

§The Comptroller presented Deeds for the following Grants for Water Lots, which were severally confirmed, and the Seal of this Corporation ordered to be thereunto affixed; Vizt to

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 411.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 374.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 291.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See. P. 344.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 330.*—ED.

Divie Bethune, Grant on Hudson River between Mrs Elder and Hector Scott, dated 26th Octor 1807.

[360] John Gardner, Grant on the East river, between Cherry Street and grant to Thomas Gardner dated 3d Novr 1807.

Thomas Gardner, Grant on the East river, between John Gardner's grant and Water Street, dated 3d Novr 1807.

William Rhinelander Junr Grant on Hudson river, between Harison and Jay Streets dated 16th Novr 1807.

Do on Do between North Moore & Beach Streets. same date.

Do on Do between Chamber & Reed Streets, same date.

*Theodorus Bailey, a Gore of land at Old Potters Field, on the Albany Avenue, in exchange for a gore of land adjoining Potters field on Bloomingdale Road. same date.

†United States, Part of Old Potter's field as a site for a public Arsenal, and on that condition, otherwise to revert to the Corporation; dated 17th Novemr 1807.

N B The triangular piece of ground, in front of the preceding Grant at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads is conditioned to be left open as a public Square, forever.

‡United States, Soil under Water at the Battery, for the purpose of Fortifications, of same date.

[361] United States, Soil under water in Hudson river between Hubert and Laight Streets,|| for the same purpose and of the same date.

The following Return of Charter Officers was received from Thomas Morris Esqr Clerk of this City and County.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened:

I do hereby certify, that from the Returns on file in my Office it appears that the following persons were duly elected to the Offices set opposite to their respective Names at an Election for Charter Officers held for the City and County of New York, on Tuesday the seventeenth and Wednesday the eighteenth days of November, One thousand eight hundred and Seven.

First Ward,	Peter Mesier	for Alderman
	John Slidell	Assistant
	Cornelius Wynkoop	Collector
	Jacob John Lansing & Abraham Varick	Assessors
	James W. Green & Philip Fulkerson	Constables

*Marginal note reads *See P. 232. 247.*—Ed. †Marginal note reads *See. P. 223. 235.*—Ed. ‡Marginal note reads *See P. 223.*—Ed. ||Marginal note reads *See P. 296.*—Ed.

Second Ward.	Samuel M. Hopkins	Alderman
	John W. Mulligan	Assistant
	John Thomson & Gilbert Haight	Assessors
	Gilliam Cornell	Collector
	Henry Marsh & Asa Eastwood	Constables
[362] Third Ward.	Abraham King	for Alderman
	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistant
	Thomas Taylor & Harmanus Tallman	Assessors
	John Striker	Collector
	Thomas Martin & James Thompson	Constables
Fourth Ward	James Drake	Alderman
	Abraham Bloodgood	Assistant
	Peter Bonnett & Simeon Skillen	Assessors
	Christopher Gallow	Collector
	James Crooker & Daniel Nash	Constables
Fifth Ward	John Bingham	Alderman
	Thomas J. Campbell	Assistant
	Amos Corning & Frederick Eckert	Assessors
	William Berrian	Collector
	Abraham Collard & Amos Curtis	Constables
Sixth Ward.	John D. Miller	Alderman
	Stephen Ludlam	Assistant
	Alexander Clark & Henry Ackerman	Assessors
	John O. Neal	Collector
	John Ackerman & John Beckner	Constables
[363] Seventh Ward.	Jacob Mott	for Alderman
	Samuel Torbert	Assistant
	Aspinwall Cornwall & John Pell	Assessors
	Abraham Van Gelder, Junr	Collector
	Jonathan Allen & Morris Oakley	Constables

Eighth Ward.	Thurston Wood	Alderman
	Jasper Ward	Assistant
	Christopher Beakley & Arthur Burtis	Assessors
	Andrew Hegeman	Collector
	Henry G. Disbrow & Thomas Darling	Constables
Ninth Ward	Nicholas Fish	Alderman
	Samuel Kipp	Assistant
	John Adriance & William Wilmerding	Assessors
	Edward Vermylia	Collector
	Reuben Ryder & David Robertson	Constables

Thomas Morris
Clerk of City and County of N York.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 513.	Gosman & Macomb, for raising & repaving the intersection at Beekman Slip		$560.54
514.	Buchan & Clark, for timber for Docks		75.
515.	d°	d° Markets	72.38
516	d°	d° Alms House	25.51
[364]			
517.	Thomas Hazard, keeper of City prison; for self and Turnkeys		437.50
518	Arbuckle & Stondinger, carting for Sup[t] of repairs		8.
519	James Smith	d° d°	5.62
520.	Andrew S. Leary.	d° d°	9.37
521.	Proprietors of Evening Post, Subscription		37.50
522.	d° Commercial Advertiser, Advertising		19.91
523	Edward Watkeys, for Candles		26.62
524.	Matthew Dyckman, repairs to Pumps		154.68
525.	James Patten	d°	184.25
526.	James Myers, Sup[t] of Roads		513.48
527.	Stephen Gould, printing during Mayoralty of Edward Livingston Esq[r]		55.
528.	Anthony Jones, for damages for suspending his building in Thompson Street		150.
529	John S. Hunn, to discharge Amount of Award for property taken for opening Broadway		451.10

[365] In Common Council. December 1st 1807.

Present Marinus Willett Esqr Mayor
Maturine Livingston Esqr Recorder.

		Messrs Gerard Depeyster	
Selah Strong		John W. Mulligan	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Demarest	
Jacob Leroy	Esquires	Robert Bogardus	Assistants
Wynant Van Zandt, Junr	Aldermen.	Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller		Benjamin Haight	
John P. Ritter		Samuel Torbert	
		Andrew Morris.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Resolved that a proxy be made out in the usual form, signed by the Mayor and Clerk with the Seal of this Corporation thereunto affixed, appointing Robert Bogardus, to vote in behalf of this Board, for Directors of the Manhattan Company, at the Election held this day.

A Report from the Police Office, that Captain Lawrence had suspended James Burrell one of his Watchmen, for sleeping on his post, was referred [366] to the Watch Committee.

Reports from the Captains of the Watch on the State of the public Lamps, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of John Hibberd, for the renewal of the lease of a Lot belonging to this Board, in Chatham Street, 25 feet by 58. at the rate of $200 per annum, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

*A Petition of Mary Hazen, praying a reconsideration of the Report of the Committee, which was confirmed at the last meeting, in favour of granting a Lease to James Nesbitt; was read:

Whereupon Ordered that the Comptroller make out a lease to said Nesbitt forthwith.

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants of the Fifth Ward, against the Election of John Bingham Esqr returned as Alderman and Mr Thomas J. Campbell returned Assistant for said Ward, as not being qualified according to Charter, was read and referred to the Counsel of the Board, that in case he should be of opinion, that the subject rests with this Board for their decision, that an Extra meeting be held for the purpose on Friday next, 4 o'clock P. M.

Ordered that a Copy of the Memorial together with this entry

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 357.*—Ed.

on the Minutes, be sent to Messrs Bingham and Campbell respectively.

[367] A Memorial of Oliver Vanderbilt, praying that the Lots of Common lands, purchased by him at Auction last Spring, may be exempted from the usual conditions for payment of taxes and assessments during his term of lease, was read and rejected.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Stone Street praying for the removal of certain old Buildings N° 14 & 15. projecting in said Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward and the Street Commissioner.*

A Petition of Samuel Winship to be allowed to transfer his Stall N° 1. in Hudson Market to John Chivvis, was granted.

†An Ordinance, for the better regulating of Public Porters in the City of New York, was passed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Crosby Street from Hester to Grand Street.

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of John K. Furman.

‡The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Sixth Street from Delancey to Stanton Street which was confirmed and William Peters was appointed Collector.

||The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Norfolk Street from Broome to Stanton Street which was confirmed and Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector.

[368] §The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Nassau Street, from Cedar Street to the City Hall, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication

The Street Commissioner has the honor to mention that some time since, the Common Council directed a Warrant to issue in his favour for the balances due for repaving Roosevelt Street, whenever that Balance should be ascertained.

The Statements lately received from Mr Bussing and the return of Delinquents amounting to $281.45. (which will be payable in the Treasury) enables the Street Commissioner to state the Balance due

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 12.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 24. See. P. 3.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 281.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 280.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See. P. 265.*—Ed.

to individual workmen, besides the advances made by Mr Waldron and himself, to be as follows.

To A. Morrell, balance on sewer	$8.48
Advertising	4.19
Assessors	20.
Stephenson, for Curbstone	345.45
Ferris, balance of a/c	2.19
Amounting to	$380.31

and for which he now solicits a warrant in his favour to pay them off.

All which is respectfully submitted

Decr 1. 1807. John S. Hunn.

Warrt Nº 564. Ordered that the same be confirmed, and [369] that a warrant be issued in his favour for $380.31. to discharge the Balances due on Roosevelt Street.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

*The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petitions of Peter Fenton, David Ackerman and Simon Ackerman, praying for Water Grants opposite their respective Lots.

Reports, that the Petitioners heretofore obtained Grants from high water mark to Washington Street, on their several Lots which lie on each side of Watts Street. That they now request a Grant to the permanent line from Washington Street. That the Corporation some time since made a reservation of the water at this place for a public Slip or Basin. But as a reservation has lately been made at the foot of Canal Street for a similar purpose, which is but a short distance from Watts Street, The Comptroller is of Opinion, that it has now become unnecessary to reserve the water at Watts Street, and would therefore recommend that a grant issue to the Petitioners agreeably to their request upon the usual terms.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Decr 1. 1807. J. Morton Comptr

Ordered that the same be confirmed

[370] The Report of the Market Committee in favour of granting the Stand Nº 3 in Oswego Market, lately occupied by Jacob Jeroleman, removed to Duane Market, to George Ship, and that the Butcher's† Stalls on the same side of the Market be removed higher up, was confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol 16. P. 410. Vol 17. P. 415. 416.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Phil. Luff. Nº 5.*—Ed.

A recommendation of the Market Committee that the Stand in Duane Market N° 7. lately granted to Henry Hoffman, who declines accepting the same, should be granted to Caleb Conklin,* was confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

†The Committee on the Communication from the Street Commissioner respecting the reserving a square between Hamilton and Manhattan Avenues

Report that the propriety of that measure will depend on the opinion which the Board may have on a comparison between the probable value of the ground leased to M^r^ M^c^Koy, at the expiration of his lease, and the public convenience and improvement and advantage the neighbouring public property which will ensue from the contemplated reservation.

By the annexed Sketch it appears, that at the expiration of the lease the Corporation will hold two rows of contiguous City lots between Hamilton and Manhattan Avenues and two contemplated Streets, 60 feet wide. If the Board shall be of opinion, that it may be adviseable to have a [371] public square in the situation proposed, the Committee conceive that it would be proper, by making the exchange mentioned in the Street Commissioner's communication. on equitable terms, to secure at once the means of conforming the reservation to the line of Hamilton Square.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Dec^r^ 1^st^ 1807.

Gerard Depeyster
John D. Miller
John W. Mulligan

Ordered that the consideration of said Report be postponed.‡

The following Report was presented by the Building Committee

The Committee appointed on the 8^th^ of December 1806. to Superintend the building of the New City Hall,

Report, That they have carefully examined the vouchers and compared them with the charges of their Treasurer, and find that there has been expended since the 26^th^ of November last to the 26^th^ of Nov^r^ inst. for the purchase of materials and for erecting the building, the sum of $37.768.81. which sum, together with $1426.80. that was due the late building Committee amounts to $39.195 $^{61}/_{100}$. that during the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 245.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 324.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 389.*—ED.

above mentioned period, the Committee have received by warrants drawn on the Treasury by order of the Common Council, $33.400. together with $515.50 which has been received from the Sale of Boards [372] and Planks amounting in the whole to $33.915.50. which leaves a Ballance due the Committee of $5.280.11.

The Committee have been furnished by Mr Macomb with an account of the quantity of work finished and nearly ready to lay on the walls, also the amount of marble and other materials on hand amounting to $37.675

The Committee beg leave to remark, that this Building has now been on hand about Four Years and a half, and has cost about $207.000 including all the materials on hand: the marble is all delivered and paid for, agreeably to contract, except about Three hundred Dollars. The Building is now up to the Window Sills of the Second Story windows; and a considerable quantity of marble already cut and prepared to lay: the work will be mostly plain until it comes to the top of the second Story window, which will enable the workmen to make great progress in carrying it up; and the foundation of the building is now sufficiently settled, so that no danger can be apprehended in carrying it up to its height, and the beams and timber have been exposed to the weather for several years, and a number of Articles now on hand in a state of decay, which must be renewed if the Building is much longer delayed. The slow progress with which the Building has been conducted from the beginning has greatly enhanced the expence. There has been expended for the last two years past about $35.000 per an. and upwards of $7000 per an. of this sum has been paid to Overseers [373] and Officers that are employed to superintend it, that is 25 per cent upon the sum actually expended on the building. These Superintendants can, with equal facility, oversee three times the number of workmen, without any additional expence to the publick; it therefore appears prudent and economical to put this Building, at least the two wings, under cover, in the course of the ensuing season.

Building Committee Wynant Van Zandt. Junr
Novr 26th 1807. Chairman.

Warrant No 566.

Ordered that so much of said Report as relates to the State and progress of the Building be published, and that a Warrant be issued in favour of the Committee, for the Balle $5280.11.

Warrt Nº 567. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles, on acct of the Building Committee, to discharge the balle due the Contractors for delivering Marble, for $316.10.

Warrt Nº 568 Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of J. H. Sickles, an acct of the same Committee, to pay said contractors for Marble delivered of an extra size for $2246.88. security to be taken from the Contractors to deliver any further Marble that may be required, in case of any defect in what is already delivered, at the contract price.

Warrt Nº 565 Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman, Supt of the Alms House for $3000.

Mr John Slidell, elected Assistant of the First Ward, sent in his resignation as Firewarden of said Ward, which was accepted, and Wynant Van Zandt Junr Esqr was appointed in his place.

[374] John T. Duryee was appointed Fire Warden of the Second Ward, in the place of Abraham Prall, deceased.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Nº 5.

Samuel Dunbar, Carpenter, v. Cornr Brinkerhoof. resd
John Harris Grocer v. Joseph Marshall. dº

Nº 26.

Lawrence Cartman, v. John Vanderbilt.

Nº 28

John Welch, Carman, v. John Pritchet, resd
Robert Thompson, v. Andrew Minuse dº

*The City Inspector reported Ordinances for raising sunken Lots from Nº 38 to 3891 inclusive:

Ordered that the same do pass.

The City Inspector presented the following Report.

The City Inspector has the honour to report that agreeably to Law a Census has been taken of the Electors in this City and County, and in conformity with the order of the Common Council, the persons employed to take the Census have also made a return of the total number of inhabitants as exhibited in the subjoined table

Which is respectfully submitted.

City Inspector's Office John Pintard.
Decr 1. 1807.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 358.*—Ed.

[375] CENSUS OF THE ELECTORS, AND TOTAL POPULATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

Ward	Free Persons		Slaves		Total Inhabitants	Electors possessed of Freeholds of the value of £100.	Electors possessed of Freeholds of the value of £20. & under £100.	Electors not possessed of Freeholds but who rent tenements of the Yearly value of 40/	Electors who were Freemen on the 14th Octr 1775	Total Electors
	Male	Female	Male	Female						
First	3.711	3.873	150	220	7.954	374	..	707	5	1.086
Second	3.677	3.747	39	88	7.551	355	..	68	..	1.042
Third	3.608	3.695	123	283	7.709	337	1	779	*1	1.118
Fourth	4.395	4.694	54	93	9.236	351	..	976	4	1.331
Fifth	6.004	6.599	49	87	12.739	462	4	1.429	6	1.901
Sixth	4.847	4.902	32	80	9.861	258	..	1.163	6	1.427
Seventh	9.438	9.925	48	76	19.487	413	5	2.718	4	3.140
Eighth	2.919	3.040	39	69	6.067	302	6	715	..	1.023
Ninth	1.392	1.288	124	122	2.926	158	4	174	3	339
Total	39.991	41.763	658	1.118	83.530	3.010	20	9.348	29	12.407

*The Third ward contains 33 Electors, who were Freemen on the 14th. of Octor 1775. 32. of whom are comprehended in the number of Freeholders, so that the total number of Electors who were Freemen on the 14th of October 1775 is..... 61.

[376] Electors

The total number of Electors according to the Census taken in 1800. was	8.888
Increase of Electors during the last seven years	3.519
Total Electors 1807	12.407

The progressive State of Population in the respective Wards will appear from the following Table.

Wards	Inhabitants According to the * Census of Feb. 24. 1806	Inhabitants According to the Census of Decem[r] 1. 1807	Increase of Population during one year and ten months.
First	7.679	7.954	275
Second	7.550	7.551	1
Third	7.371	7.709	338
Fourth	9.234	9.236	2
Fifth	12.340	12.739	399
Sixth	8.961	9.861	900
Seventh	15.668	19.487	3.819
Eighth	4.772	6.067	1.295
Ninth	2.195	2.926	731
Total	75.770	83.530	7.760

The Increase of Population, therefore, during a period of One Year and Ten Months exceeds Five per cent, per annum.

The Decrease of Slavery in this city appears as follows.

Slaves	Males	Females	Total
1.806	818	1.230	2.048
1.807	658	1.118	1.776
	Decrease		272

[377] The following Table exhibits the population of this City as taken at different periods.

Periods	Inhabitants
1697	4.302
1756	*15.000
1771	21.863
1786	23.614
1791	33.131
1801	60.489
1805	75.770
1807	83.530

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 15. P. 552.*—ED.

By which it appears, that our population has more than tripled from 1786 to 1805. a period of twenty years.

Should the progress of increase continue at the rate of five per cent. per annum, the population of this city in 1855* will amount to 705.650, a rate exceeding the doubling of our number every twenty years, during the period of a century.

*.See Smiths History of New York, London Edition 4to. 1757. p. 196. note.

The Comptroller presented Deeds for the following Water Grants. Viz[t]

†To Adam & Noah Brown, Water Lot on both sides of North Street, to permanent line, as per Map on record: dated Nov[r] 16[th] 1807.

[378] ‡To Leonard Lispenard
Anthony Lispenard
Alexander L. Stewart & Sarah his Wife
Devisees of Anth[y] L Lispenard deceased
} 100 feet on West Street as per Map on record.

‖To John Jacob Astor, Three Grants
1. Water Lot between Hammersley & Clarkson Streets
1 d[o] between King & Hammersley Streets.
1 d[o] d[o] Clarkson & Leroy Streets. p[r] Map on record

§To William Bruce, a Water Lot between Hamersley & King Streets, per map &[c]:

Ordered that the same be executed under the Seal of this Corporation.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay:

N[o] 530.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence	City Watch	.....	$237.16
531.	" William Van Wart.	d[o]	.....	237.16
532.	" John Farrington	d[o]	.....	217.56
533.	" John White	d[o]	.....	217.56
534	" Jacob Hays	d[o]	.....	188.16
535	" George Goodheart	d[o]	.....	188.16
536.	Oliver Waldron, Superintend[t] of Roads		.....	928.43
537.	Anthony Giraud, Powder for celebrating Anniversary of Evacuation		.....	187.12
538	Peter Clarke, making up Cartridges for d[o]		.....	7.74
539.	John Pintard to defray expences of public dinner fu[d]		.....	570.
540	John Declew, Salary as Inspec[r] of Bread		.....	81.39

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 15. P. 554.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 33.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 336. & Vol. 16. P. 464.*—ED. ‖ Marginal note reads *See P. 339.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 16. P. 444.*—ED.

Nº 541.	[379] Mark McCamman & other, Labour for Superintendt of repairs	$18.50
542.	Daniel McFarlane, for Pump, corner of Rivington & Sixth Streets	30.
543.	Joseph Boyd, carting for Supt of repairs	18.50
544.	Peter Schermerhorn, for Bell for Greenwich market	57.
545.	James Hardie, for Salary	62.50
546	Edward Moran dº	50.
547.	John Pintard, incidental expences. 1806. 1807	20.75
548.	Bartholemew Skaats, salary for self & Assist	119.85
549.	John Meghan, Balle for paving Whitehall Slip	83.64
550.	Garrit Kettletas & Jac. J. Lansing, taking Census. 1st Ward	110.
551.	Andw R. Miller & Jacob Tabele dº 2d "	110.
552.	Charles Dickenson self & Associate dº 3d "	161.
553.	Leond Fisher & Thos R. Mercein dº 4th "	164.
554.	John P. Groshon & Henry Remmey dº 5th "	180.
555.	John Marschallk & Gabl Furman dº 6th "	144.
556.	Henry Pope & Ezekiel Bishop dº 7th "	228.
557.	William Wilmerding & S. Hake dº 9th "	180.
558.	Jacob Morton, to pay Clerk & Constables attending Charter Elections	88.75
559.	John Coleman, Expences of Charr Elecn 3d Ward	16.25
560.	Daniel Pierson dº dº 4th "	11.75
561.	Elijah Knap dº dº 8th "	10.
562.	Abel Hardenbrook dº dº 9th "	15.
563.	Justus Dearman Balle for building Piers at Burling & Beekman Slips	1065.47
564.	John S. Hunn, to pay Balle repaving Roosevelt St	380.31
565.	Richard Furman, Supt of Alms House	3000.
566.	John H. Sickles, Balle due Building Commr	5280.
567.	dº to pay Balle on contract for Marble	316.10
568.	dº dº Allowe for extra Sized Marble	2246.88

[380] In Common Council. Decr 4th 1807.

Present. Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor.

Thurston Wood
Nicholas Fish
John P. Ritter
Wynant Van Zandt, Junr
Jacob Mott
Selah Strong
John D. Miller
} Esquires Aldermen.

Messrs John Hopper Junr
Thomas Demarest
John W. Mulligan
Andrew Morris
Robert Bogardus
Stephen Ludlam
} Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Fifth Ward, Petitioners against the election of John Bingham returned as Alderman and Thomas J. Campbell returned as Assistant for said Ward, as not being

qualified according to Charter, being neither Freeholders in said Ward, nor Freemen of this City, was read, together with the following opinion of the Council of the Board.

"I have inspected the Memorial presented to the Corporation relative to the late election [381] of an Alderman and Assistant in the Fifth Ward; and pursuant to their directions do report as my opinion:"

1st "That if Messrs Bingham & Campbell were not Freeholders of that Ward, nor Freemen of the City, they were not by Law eligible to those Offices."

2d "That the Corporation has the power at once to examine and determine upon the said Memorial; and are bound, if the allegations in it are true, to direct a new election."

Decr 2d 1807. Richard Harison.

The following Memorial was also read.

To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened.

The Memorial of the subscribers respectfully sheweth.

That they are Inhabitants, Freemen and Electors of the Fifth Ward, entitled to vote at the late Charter election, and who did vote at such election for John Bingham as Alderman and Thomas J. Campbell for Assistant Alderman to represent the said Ward in the Common Council the ensuing year.

That they have been informed a remonstrance has been preferred to the said Common Council against the due election and legal qualifications of the said John Bingham and the said Thomas [382] J. Campbell, to fill the said Offices, as being neither Freemen of the said City, nor Freeholder of the said Ward.

Your Memorialists dissenting from the correctness of the objection, with due submission and respect, represent, their concern on being advised that Your Honorable Body are about to act upon the said remonstrance, as in their opinion, in other hands and under other circumstances it will afford an evil precedent, be injurious to the elective franchise, and a fair enjoyment of the plain provisions of our Charter.

That Your Memorialists conceive the investigation and decision of this question, properly and of right belongs to your Successors, who are chosen and to be sworn in on the first Monday in December instant, inasmuch as it is expressly granted by the said Charter to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for the "time being" to determine

and decide all Elections of all and every their officers and ministers to be chosen or elected in or for the said Corporation.

That the said Alderman and Assistant are not members of the Corporation for the present year, nor officers nor ministers thereof for the "time being," but are chosen the successors of those now in office; and while your memorialists are not unmindful that the Corporation is a perpetual body, they respectfully consider [383] that a discrimination of the powers of the incumbant and succeeding Aldermen, are in this case emphatically recognized; and the right to examine and decide upon the election and qualification of the officers and ministers, chosen for the Corporation, is in terms given by the charter to that Corporation existing at that particular time, during which the officer or minister is elected to serve. Your Memorialists scarcely need remind your Honors, that a different construction of the Charter would enable any future succession, at any length of time, to examine and decide upon the due election, and legal qualification of former members of the Board, and thereby to invalidate, annul and destroy the important Acts of their predecessors.

That the 23^{d} Section of the Act of the Legislature of this State, passed 5th April 1804. strengthens the opinion of your Memorialists; That, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for the "time being," are only competent to examine into, and decide upon the qualifications of their own members and Officers, and not into those of their successors. It provides that "if any Alderman, chosen as aforesaid, shall refuse to serve, die or remove out of the city, before the expiration of the term for which he was chosen in such office, or shall not be legally qualified &c^{c}" Now an Officer cannot properly refuse to serve in an Office, so as to render him liable to fine for such refusal, until after the time is in "being," for which he is chosen to serve. [384] The Aldermen elect are not chosen to serve until next Monday, and if any one should die or remove from the city before that day, there would be no vacancy in the Corporation, and of course none to be supplied by a new Election.

But if in this respect Your Memorialists should have conceived the true construction of the said Charter and Act, then they would further respectfully suggest that the 12th. Section of the said Act, entitles every Freeholder, every Citizen of the State, or of the United States of twenty one Years of Age, having resided in the city for six months previous to a charter election, during that time rented a tenement of Twenty five Dollars yearly value paid taxes, and no way disqualified by law, to all the right and privileges of a Freeman of the said City.

That among these are the right and privilege of being an Artizan and trader in the said city, and of being eligible to the Office of Alderman and Assistant or other officer of the City and Corporation.

That Messrs Bingham and Campbell being inhabitants of the said City, Citizens of the State, and not disqualified by law, having rented a tenement of twenty five Dollars yearly value and paid taxes, are by the aforesaid section qualified Charter Electors and Freemen of the city, or so far at least as to entitle them to keep [385] shop, and pursue manual occupation therein, without incurring the Five pound penalty to which those who are not Freemen are liable, and also to be most eligible to the Office of an Alderman and Assistant Alderman.

Lastly, Your Memorialists further represent, that they are informed that the Counsel at law of the said Common Council has reported his opinion to the said Corporation, that if the said John Bingham and the said Thomas J. Campbell are neither Freemen of the said City nor Freeholders in the Ward, they are not by law eligible to those offices for which they are chosen. In the correctness of this opinion Your Memorialists fully acquiesce; but respectfully remind your honors, that by the said 12th. Section of the act aforesaid they being Electors qualified by law to vote at the said Charter election, are also by the same law Freemen of the said City, and as well for the tranquillity of the said Corporation and Ward, as because a great majority of the votes thereof were given for those gentlemen, and to avoid the establishment of an injurious precedent, the great trouble, expence and public inconvenience of a second election, Your memorialists respectfully pray that the said remonstrance may be dismissed, or that the said John Bingham and Thomas J. Campbell be declared legally qualified and duly elected to serve in their offices of Alderman and Assistant Alderman.

All which is respectfully submitted
signed William Denning
& others

[386] Whereupon the following Resolution was offered by Alderman Selah Strong,

Resolved that the further consideration of the Memorials of the Inhabitants of the Fifth Ward respecting the Election of John Bingham and Thomas J. Campbell to the offices of Alderman and Assistant of said Ward, be postponed to the next meeting of the new Board, it being doubtful whether the Board have the right to determine the qualifications of their Successors.

The following was proposed by Mr Mulligan as an Amendment.

Whereas a Petition has been presented to this Board against the Election of John Bingham as Alderman and Thomas J. Campbell as Assistant of the Fifth Ward of this City, returned as elected at the last Election for Charter Officers, and a counter petition has this day been presented to this Board. And Whereas by the opinion of the Council of this Board, also this day produced, he appears to be of opinion, that the present sitting Members are the proper Judges of the subject matter of the said Petitions. And it is very important to the rights and immunities of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this city as also to the rights and priviledges of the Freemen, Freeholders and other Electors thereof, that the same should be decided by the body to which it of right may belong, and that this Board, previous to any decision thereon should be as well informed as [387] possible on the subject. And whereas there has been offered to this Board the Resolution, as before cited.

Resolved that the consideration of the said resolution be postponed to a meeting of this Board to be held on Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M. and that a Committee be appointed to ascertain and enquire what proceedings have taken place in cases of contested Elections for Charter Officers, and that they make a report thereon to this Board at said meeting.

Which amendment, a division being called, was carried in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Fish	Alderman	Wood
	Ritter		Mott
	Van Zandt		Miller
	S. Strong	Messrs	Hopper
Messrs	Mulligan		Bogardus
	Morris.		Ludlam.

Mr Demarest being excused from voting, and the Board being divided, the Mayor gave his casting vote in the affirmative.

[388] Ordered that the Clerk give notice of the preceding Resolution to Messrs Bingham and Campbell, and to One of each of the Signers of the Memorials on the subject of the late election for Charter Officers in the Fifth Ward.

A Petition of George Janeway and Cary Ludlow praying an order of the Board for the reservation of a Street, Fifty feet wide, through the grants of soil under water to the Petitioners and Peter Ogilvie and

William Hunter, between Grand Street and Cherry Street, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

*A Petition of Garrit H. Van Wagenen for a water grant in front of his property between Romaine and North Street, was granted, Provided it should not interfere with any reservation for public Slips.

A Petition of Samuel Winship for a stand in Grand Street market was granted: His further application to rent the Cellar under said Market was referred to the Comptroller to fix such reasonable terms for the same, at a yearly rent, as he may judge right.

A Petition of Francis Bibbins to be allowed Ten Dollars as compensation for taking care of the park, was referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House.†

[389] ‡Resolved that a public square, or place, in the situation‖ recommended by the communication of the Street Commissioner of the 9th of November last, will be useful and advantageous to this city, and that the exchange mentioned therein be made upon such equitable terms as may be agreed on between this Board and the proprietor of the ground necessary to make such square;

And it is further resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to treat with the said Proprietor, therefor and report thereon to this Board.§

Warrt Nº 571. Ordered that a warrant be granted in favour of Andrew Morrill, on account of ceiling Duane Market, for $125.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay

Nº 569.	Thomas Hazard, for carrying Vagrants to Bridewell.....	$150.30
570.	Gosman & Macomb, paving intersections.....	67.75
571	Andrew Morril, for ceiling Duane Market, on acct.....	125.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 415.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 390.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 324. 370.*—ED. ‖ Marginal note reads *Hamilton Square.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 18. P. 220.*—ED.

[390] In Common Council. Dec^{r} 7th 1807. 10 o'clock. A. M.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.

Roger Strong, Dep. Mayor John P. Ritter Wynant Van Zandt, Jun^{r} Nicholas Fish Selah Strong Jacob Leroy Jacob Mott John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen.	Mess^{rs} Thomas Demarest John W. Mulligan Stephen Ludlam Andrew Morris Benjamin Haight Samuel Torbert	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Resolved that the further consideration of the Petitions of the Citizens of the Fifth Ward, respecting the election of John Bingham and Thomas J. Campbell to the offices of Alderman and Assistant of said Ward, be postponed to the next meeting of the Common Council.

*A Report of the Superintendant of the Alms House against the petition of Francis Bibbin [391] was confirmed.

†A Petition of Mary Hazen was read and the consideration postponed to the next meeting: the Comptroller being directed to defer, in the mean time making out a deed to James Nesbitt

Warr^{t} N^{o} 575. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Comptroller, for preparing Deeds of cession and Maps of the grants made to the United States for an Arsenal and Fortifications, for $75.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay,

N^{o} 572	The Estate of Nicholas Carmer deceased for his services as Sup^{t} of repairs	$56.
573	David Blackley, repairs to pumps	36.37
574	Henry C. Southwick, for printing	27.50
575	Jacob Morton, preparing Deeds for U^{d} States	75.

The following Charter Officers appeared in the Common Council Chamber, and took and subscribed the Oaths of Office prescribed by law.

First Ward.	Peter Mesier, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	John Slidell	Assistant
	Jacob Jn^{o} Lansing Abraham Varick	Assessors
	James W. Green Philip Fulkerson	Constables.

*Marginal note reads *See P. 388.*—Ed.
†Marginal note reads *See further. P. 401.*—Ed.

[392]	Second Ward	Samuel M. Hopkins Esq[r]	Alderman
		John W. Mulligan	Assistant
		John Thomson, Gilbert Haight	Assessors.
		Henry Marsh, Asa Eastwood	Constables
	Third Ward	Abraham King Esq[r]	Alderman
		Simon Van Antwerp	Assistant
		Harmanus Tallman	Assessors
		James Thompson.	Constable
	Fourth Ward.	James Drake, Esq[r]	Alderman
		Abraham Bloodgood,	Assistant
		Peter Bonnett, Simeon Skillen	Assessors
		James Crookes, Daniel Nash	Constables
	Fifth Ward.	Amos Corning, Frederick Eckert	Assessors
		Abraham Collard, Amos Curtis	Constables
	Sixth Ward.	John D. Miller Esq[r]	Alderman
		Stephen Ludlam.	Assistant
		Alexander Clark, Henry Ackerman	Assessors
		John Ackerman, John Beckner	Constables
	Seventh Ward	Jacob Mott, Esq[r]	Alderman
		Samuel Torbert	Assistant
		Aspinwall Cornwell, John Pell	Assessors
		Jonathan Allen, Morris Oakley.	Constables.
[393]	Eighth Ward.	Thurston Wood, Esq[r]	Alderman
		Jasper Ward.	Assistant
		Christopher Beakley, Arthur Burtis	Assessors
		Henry G. Disbrow, Thomas Darling	Constables
	Ninth Ward.	Nicholas Fish, Esq[r]	Alderman
		Samuel Kipp	Assistant
		John Adriance, William Wilmerding	Assessors
		Reuben Ryder	Constable.

Alderman Miller made the following motion

That John Bingham and Thomas J. Campbell, returned as Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward take their seats.

Alderman Hopkins made a motion for postponement, which was lost. His request to be excused from voting on the subject, was not granted.

The Motion of Alderman Miller was then put and carried, and Messrs Bingham and Campbell having taken the Oaths of Office took their seats at the Board.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Miller

Resolved that John Farrington be removed and he is hereby removed, from the Office he holds as Captain of the City Night Watch in the Second District.

[394] Which motion, a division being called, passed in the affirmative, as follows.

Affirmative			Negative	
Alderman King	Messrs	Van Antwerp	Alderman	Mesier
Drake		Bloodgood		Hopkins
Bingham		Campbell		Fish.
Miller		Ludlam	Messrs	Slidell
Mott		Torbert		Mulligan.
Wood		Ward		
		Kipp		

Alderman Miller, also moved the following Resolution.

Resolved that William Summers be, and he is hereby removed from the Office of Inspector of Bread.

Which, a division being called, was carried in the affirmative, the Ayes and Nays being the same as on the former division.

[395] The Board proceeded to supply the vacancies occasioned by the aforesaid removals, when, the usual mode of balloting being dispensed with.

William Peterson was appointed Captain of the Night Watch for the second District,

And John A. Crolius was appointed Inspector of Bread.

Daniel Phœnix was unanimously re-appointed City Treasurer for the ensuing year.

[396] In Common Council. Dec^{r} 14th 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor
Maturine Livingston, Esq^{r} Recorder.

Jacob Mott
Samuel M. Hopkins
Nicholas Fish
Peter Mesier
Abraham King
John Bingham
Thurston Wood
John D. Miller
} Esquires Aldermen.

Mess^{rs} Abraham Bloodgood
John W. Mulligan
John Slidell
Samuel Torbert
Stephen Ludlam
Samuel Kipp
Simon Van Antwerp
Thomas J. Campbell
Jasper Ward.
} Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees of the Board, for the ensuing year, were appointed, viz^{t}

of Applications
Alderman Drake
M^{r} Slidell
Ludlam.

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Building
Alderman Mott
King
Miller
M^{r} Torbert
Slidell

Canal
Alderman Mesier
M^{r} Mulligan
Slidell
Campbell
Ward

Defence
Alderman Fish
Mott
Miller
King
M^{r} Mulligan

Ferry
Alderman Mott
M^{r} Van Antwerp
Ludlam

Fire Department
Alderman Mott
Drake
Ludlam

Lamp.
M^{r} Torbert
Ludlam
Van Antwerp

Law & Ordinances.
Alderman Hopkins
Mesier
M^{r} Mulligan.

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Market
Alderman Miller
Bingham
M^{r} Slidell

Repairs
Alderman Bingham
Bloodgood
Campbell.

Road
Alderman Fish
M^{r} Kipp
Slidell
Ward

Watch
Alderman Miller
Wood
M^{r} Bloodgood

Wharves & Slips
Drake
Mott
King

M^{r} Phœnix City Treasurer presented his Bond, with sureties for the faithful execution of the duties of his Office, which was approved and ordered to be filed with the Comptroller.

*A Report from the Police Office that John Williams, alias Adams, apprehended for stealing had effected his escape, on the morning of the 11th inst. from the Watch house of the third district and that frequent escapes have heretofore happened, in consequence of the insufficiency of said [399] Watch House, was referred to the Watch Committee.

Reports of Captain Goodheart, on the state of the public Lamps, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Return of Abner Curtis, Marshal that
Oliver Lund, 55. Henry Street
William Gee, 51. dº
Samuel Armstrong lately of 55. dº removed to E. George.
John McDermot 16. E. George St and
Reuben Drake. 37. dº

licenced tavernkeepers and grocers, severally permitted gambling in their respective houses, was read,

Ordered that the Attorney examine into the charges, and if sufficient evidence should appear to prosecute the offenders.

A Memorial of Peter Williams Chairman of a Committee of Arrangements of the Africans in this city, who propose to commemorate as a day of thanksgiving, the 1st day of January next, the period when, agreeably to an Act of Congress, the importation of Slaves will be prohibited within the jurisdiction of the United States; and praying that they may be allowed to employ a sufficient number of peace officers to [400] prevent any tumult that might otherwise happen on the occasion, was read and granted.

†A Petition of Robert Stoddard, setting forth that he had erected a building in Leonard Street between Broadway and Elm Street, on leased ground, the foundation of which had been laid agreeably to the survey of Mr Bridges one of the City Surveyors, which survey on further examination proved to be incorrect and to encroach seven or eight feet on the Street; praying that the Building may be suffered to remain for the term of his lease, being eight years, at the expiration of which he would enter into any obligation, the Corporation may judge proper, to remove the same, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward.

‡A Memorial of Stephen Stillwell respecting the discovery of a

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 92.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 439.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 423.a.*—Ed.

Coal mine, a Specimen of which was exhibited on the Fire in the Common Council Chamber, on his land situate in the town of Woodstock, County of Ulster in this State; requesting the patronage of the Corporation to enable him to explore the same, was read and referred to Mr Torbert, Alderman Hopkins and Mr Ludlam.

*Petitions of George McLellan & Asa Whipple Masters of Sea Vessels for remission of the penalty incurred for hauling [401] their vessels, contrary to law, into Beekman Slip, through ignorance of said law, were read and referred to the Attorney of the Board.

†A Memorial of Mary Hazen respecting her lease in Chatham Street, was read, which together with her former memorial on the same subject, presented at the last meeting, was referred to Alderman Drake, Messrs Ludlam and Bloodgood.

‡A request of John Gibson, administrator of George Maul to be allowed to transfer the lease of a lot, distinguished in the Map of the Corporation as Lot No 101 in Chatham Street, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg stating that a Ballance of $308.67. was due to him on the assessment for regulating Broadway from Prince Street to Great Jones Street, and praying the Corporation to advance the same, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the Butchers in Duane Market, praying that a Watchman may be stationed in said Market, was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of the inhabitants in Stanton Street for Lamps in said Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Memorial of Thomas Duggan on the subject of his claim for damages for laying out Canal Street was referred to the Canal Committee.

[402] A Memorial of Tammany Society proposing to lease in perpetuity or on such other terms as may appear suitable, the angle of ground adjoining the Arsenal, and lying between Chatham Street and the Street proposed to be laid out thro' the public ground as a continuation of Cross street, was read and referred to Alderman Miller Drake Messrs Ludlam Bloodgood and Campbell.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 424.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 391. & Report Vol. 18. P. 79.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 425.*—Ed.

The following Applications and Petitions for Offices were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Offices, Viz[t]

Cornelius Crygier, for Sup[t] of Alms House
Oliver Jacques. Purveyor of d[o]

Levi Gansey
Frederick Eckert
*Jacob P. Roome
And[w] Ja[s] M[c]Laughlin
Davis Hunt
William Hoghland
Matthias Nack.
} Superintendant of repairs.

Cornelius Warner..... Carpenter, under Sup[t] of repairs.

William P. Roome
Jacob Morrell
Henry Shute Sen[r]
Henry Reynolds
James Lyons
Isaac W. Hadley
Isaac Gomez.
} Superintendant of Scavengers.

[403] William C. Ballard
William Philips
} †Measurers of Grain.

‡John White, to be continued Captain of the 2[d] District Watch.

Peter Paulding
Isaac Piercy
Peter Peterson
} Captain of 2[d] District Watch

‖Isaac Anderson
§Thomas Darling
Thomas Riley
} Captain of 3[d] d[o]

Jonathan Allen
Richard Nixon
¶James Snow
} Captain of Watch.

John C. Kraepft.
Henry Low.
J. H. Raub
Anthony Smith.
**Samuel B. Waldron.
} Overseers of the Roads.

Artemas B. Brookins
Isaac Hadley
Eleazer Hathaway
††John Yonge
} Inspectors of Firewood.

Samuel L. Page { Sup[t] of Alms House / Scavengers / Repairs or

Elias Winfield ..... for an Office

*Marginal note reads *See P. 415.*—Ed. †Marginal note reads *See. P. 440.*—Ed. ‡Marginal note reads *See P. 426.*—Ed. ‖Marginal note reads *427.*—Ed. §Marginal note reads *See. P. 427.*—Ed. ¶Marginal note reads *See. P. 427.*—Ed. **Marginal note reads *See P. 415.*—Ed. ††Marginal note reads *See. P. 415.*—Ed.

Jonathan Brooks
Patrick Byrne } Assistant to St Commr & City Inspr

[404]* William J. Waldron, to be appointed Assist to St Commr and Comptroller.

John Low, Printer

John Peterson Keeper of the Flag staff at the Battery.

The Mayor presented a letter addressed to him from the Honorable Samuel L. Mitchil Senator in Congress, inclosing "A further Report of the Committee of the Senate relating to the Defence of the Sea ports and harbours of the United States," which was read and referred to the Committee of Defence, the Report directed to be published, and the Mayor requested to return the thanks of this Board to Doctor Mitchill for his communication on this important subject.

The Mayor also presented a letter addressed to him, dated Philadª the 7th inst. signed a Pilgrim, and inclosing a Pamphlet under the same signature on "an improved mode of Defence against the Bucaneers of the Ocean" &c. was read and referred to the same Committee.

The Mayor presented the following opinion of Mr Harison relating to the Sailor's Snug harbour.

Upon the will of Robert R Randall and the Act of the Legislature incorporating the Trustees of the Marine Hospital, I am of opinion that these [405] Trustees have a right to convey land for Streets to the Corporation of the City. There are no words, either in the will or Act, prohibiting such conveyance. The laying out of Streets is essential to the improvement of the property, and must have been foreseen as a measure necessary and which ought to be adopted, even if it was not required by the public. Mr Randall, by his will, appears only to provide, that the Hospital shall be built upon his land, but in all other respects he leaves his property to the disposition of the Trustees, and in my judgment, there is nothing in that instrument from whence it can be inferred that he meant his whole real estate should be unalienable in any event.

Rich. Harison.

New York. 12th. Decr 1807.

†The Street Commissioner presented the following Report of the Assessors for regulating Art Street, and his remarks thereon, Vizt

We the Subscribers appointed by an Ordinance of the Corporation to assess the expence of digging out Art Street, having had several

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 66.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18 P. 33.*—Ed.

meetings on the subject and having viewed the situation of the premises beg leave to submit to the honorable Corporation.

That after mature deliberation we do not [406] deem any of the owners or occupants of said Lots to be benefitted thereby and therefore cannot, agreeable to our Oath, proceed to make any assessment thereon for the following reasons

As we are informed.

1st That none of the proprietors of Lots on said Street have petitioned for the same.

2d That Bleecker Street was dug out at the expence of the public for the same purpose as Art Street to give vent to the water from Broadway.

3d As it is not deemed a permanent regulation we conclude it ought to be considered as the common highway.

George Cliland
W. H. Robinson
New York. 9th Decr 1807. Gilbert Coutant
George Schmelzel
John Ten Eyck.

The Street Commissioner having been informed by several of the Assessors named in an Ordinance for regulating Art Street, that they could not agree upon a principle, upon which to lay the assessment, and the contractors pressing for their money, he wrote to them, requesting the said assessment to be made out by this day, as, if they could not agree, that they would report upon the cases that others might be appointed to perform this necessary duty.

[407] The Assessors, agreeably to his request, have now sent in their report which is covered by this communication and upon which the Street Commissioner begs leave to remark in answer to the "Reasons" they have offered for not making out the said assessment.

They first state, that none of the proprietors petitioned for it; but it was well understood by the Board that when Broadway was directed to be regulated, it would be necessary also to regulate Art Street; and if any mistake has occurred in that respect, it was, that Art Street ought to have been first regulated; besides the presentation of a petition from the proprietors, has not under such circumstances been considered by the Common Council as a necessary measure.

The Assessors next state that Bleecker Street was dug out for the same purpose as Art Street to vent the water. This is true, but the cases are not parallel. Mr Bleecker has a very large tract of ground on

the west side of Broadway, through which many streets will necessarily intersect each other, none of which have ever been ceded to the Corporation, and the Board, in order to obtain a ready cession of those Streets without subjecting themselves to the expensive and tedious method pointed out by Law for opening Streets, made a special agreement with Mr Bleecker [408] to regulate so much of Bleecker Street, as far as has been done, on condition that he cedes all the Streets through his ground to the Corporation without further compensation. With respect to Art Street, the proprietors can make no such equivalent, as that Street has been opened and recorded as a public Street or road about forty years ago.

The third reason offered by the Assessors can have no weight, as it is founded in error, they state that the regulation is not deemed permanent, but it is well known to the surveyors and the Subscriber, that the line given to the Contractors is intended as a permanent regulation of that Street. The Street Commissioner begs leave further to remark, that all the gentlemen named in the Ordinance have qualified to make the assessment, and there is a plain existing law, by which they are to be governed. It therefore becomes an important question, how far they are bound by their appointment and their oaths to perform this duty.

If the Board should decide that they have the right to excuse these gentlemen, they will of course name five other persons in their stead. If they should decide otherwise, perhaps it would be well to direct the assessors to make out the assessment agreeably to their consciences, when [409] the Common Council can reject it, and according to usual practice direct a new ordinance to be presented.

All which is respectfully submitted

Decemr 14th. 1807. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to communicate to the Board, that Ordinances passed the Common Council several months since, directing the individual proprietors of sunken lots in Hester and Rynder Streets to fill up the same in such manner as to preserve the Streets from washing away when they had been filled. These ordinances were faithfully served upon all such persons as could be found to be owners and they have pretty generally complied with their condi-

tions: but several vacant Lots on the South side of Hester Street between Broadway and Rynder Street and two or three on Rynder Street between Grand and Hester Streets, remain sunken, and for which no owners can be found.

Rynder Street has lately been directed to be paved: the pavement and even the curbstone have by the late rains been removed and consider- [410] ably damaged in consequence of these cavities on the sides of the Streets.

The Street Commissioner is persuaded that the evil will be corrected if the lots are filled up, and, as in such cases, the expenditure is a lien upon the property, he proposes the following resolution.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to take order for filling in such sunken lots on Hester Street between Broadway and Rynder Street and on Rynder Street between Grand and Hester Street, as in his opinion may require to be filled up to preserve the said Streets and to such depth and height as he may think necessary, and that the expences of the same be a lien upon the property agreeably to law.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Dec^{r} 14th. 1807 John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented an adjustment of the accounts of Oliver Jacques for monies collected by him on the Assessment for opening Canal Street.

*Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Street Commissioner for $586.50 to refund the monies collected on said assessment [411] to the several persons who have paid the same.

†The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for regulating Walker Street from Broadway to Church Street, which was passed and Lewis Ford Amos Corning Joseph Watkins Robert Buchan and John Sharp were appointed Assessors.

‡The Street Commissioner agreeably to an order of the Board of the 25th Nov^{r} last, presented an Ordinance for regulating South Street, between Beekman Slip and the Easterly side of the property of Lewis Moore, which was passed.

The Comptroller reported, that he had examined the accounts and Vouchers of Dewitt Clinton Esq^{r} for money received by him as Mayor for Market fees from the month of November 1806 to the 14th of

* Marginal note reads *See P. 137. 291.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 330.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 358.*—ED.

March 1807. inclusive. That it appears the Mayor received from the Deputy Clerks of the Markets the sum of Two thousand Five hundred and Seventy Dollars $^{96}/_{100}$ exclusive of fees for collection and expences of sweeping and cleaning the Markets. That the Mayor retained one half of the above sum to his own use and has paid to Daniel Phœnix City Treasurer Twelve hundred and Eighty five Dollars [412] $^{48}/_{100}$ in full of that account.

The Comptroller further reported that he had examined the account of the late Mayor for monies received and paid out by him for tavern licences from the 1st of November 1806. to the 15th of March 1807. That he had received two hundred and twenty five $^{25}/_{100}$ Dollrs for Fifty nine licences. That he had retained, by agreement, three tenths of the above sum to his own use, that he has paid One hundred and nineteen Dollars for printing Carmens returns and names of Marshals and to Daniel Phœnix City Treasurer, Thirty five $^{87}/_{100}$ Dollars the ballance of that Account.

*The Comptroller reported that he had settled with Mr William Rhinelander, Junr for the repairs made to the wharf between Jay and Harison Streets upon the principles directed by the Board amounting to $590.98. and that he had received $409.12. the ballance of $1000. agreed to be paid by Mr Rhinelander agreeably to the account presented.

Upon receiving the Communication of the Comptroller on the subject of the deed of George J. Warner for Lot No 25. Inclenbergh, it was ordered, that the Comptroller deliver the said deed to the Executors of the said George J. Warner upon their causing the same to be put upon the records of the Clerk of the city and county of [413] New York.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from No 3892. to No 3896 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Clerk presented the Census Books of the several Wards which were delivered to the respective Aldermen to designate those persons as are qualified to act as Jurors for this city and County.

Ordered that the Clerk provide Maps of this City for the Mayor, late Recorder and New Members of the Board

Ordered that the Clerk provide Copies of the Charter of this City for the use of the New Members.

Ordered that the Clerk furnish the Committee of Laws and Ordi-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 258 265.*—Ed.

nances with the existing Ordinances of this Board for revision, and to be reported to the Common Council.

*Resolved that the Street Commissioner procure by the next meeting of this Board a survey and profile of Broadway from Art Street to the Bowery road.

[414] †Resolved that the Road Committee be instructed to wait on the Commissioners appointed to lay out the city and represent the great necessity of opening a Street on the East river leading to Bellevue.

The following Resolution was presented.

Resolved that Oliver Waldron and James Myers be and are hereby removed from the offices they hold as Overseers of the roads

Which, a division being called, was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Negative.	
Alderman Mott	Messrs Bloodgood	Alderman Hopkins	
King	Torbert	Fish	
Bingham	Ludlam	Mesier	
Wood	Van Antwerp	Messrs Mulligan	
Miller	Campbell	Slidell	
	Ward.	Kipp	

[415] Resolved that Jacob Tabele, Inspector of Wood be transferred from the district which he now occupies at the Corporation Basin to the district now occupied by ‡John Yonge at the east side of Peck Slip, and that John Yonge be transferred to Jacob Tabele's district at the Corporation Basin.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of a|| Superintendant of repairs, when on counting the ballots, Jacob P. Roome appeared to be duly elected.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of two §Overseers of the roads; On counting the Ballots Samuel B. Waldron and Beekman M. Van Beuren were duly elected.

The Comptroller presented deeds for the following water grants Vizt

¶To Rachel De Forest, grant in Harison Street from Washington to West Streets, dated, Decr 14. 1807

**John R. Livingston, do between Stanton and Rivington Street, same date.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 443.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 438.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 403.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See. P. 402.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 403.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See. P. 286.*—Ed. ** Marginal note reads *See P. 341.*—Ed.

*Garrit H. Van Wagenen, d° between Romaine and North Street, 100 feet from Cannon S^t^ to East S^t^

†Peter Fenton, corner of Washington and Watts Street, from Washington Street to permanent line of West Street.

[416] ‡To David Ackerman and Simon Ackerman Watts Street to the permanent line of Watts Street

‖Peter Schermerhorn, grant at Beekman Slip West side between Front & South Street.

George Janeway, at Corlaers Hook, bounded Northerly on Grand Street.

Ordered that the same be executed under the Seal of this Corporation.

Warr^t^ N° 599 Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for lighting the public Lamps for $1000.

N° 600 in favour of John H. Sickles on acc^t^ of the Building Committee for $1000

N° 601 Richard Furman, Sup^t^ of Alms House. $3000

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company, N° 2.

Peter White Carpenter, N° 1. Jew's Alley vice Rich^d^ Wenman, resigned.

Justus Everitt, Silversmith, N° 275. Pearl S^t^ vice George Harris, removed.

Supply Engine N° 25.

Silas Hicks, vice Isaac Randall, deceased.

Hosemen to said Company.

John Winteringham, 115. William Street.
[417] Isaac Collard, Shoemaker, 12. Frankfort S^t^
Israel Knapp d° Vesey
William F. Mott, Merch^t^ 308. Pearl.
Isaac Brown 8. Rose
Dennis Dock. Carpenter. 16. Olive
John Hunn 14. Jacob.
Henry Mather. Grocer. 245. Front
Nehemiah Merritt, Merch^t^ 401. Pearl
William Higgins. 26. Pearl

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 388.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 369.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 369.*—ED. ‖ Marginal note reads *See P. 350.*—ED.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 576.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	$237.16
577.	" William Van Wart. dº	237.16
578	" John Farrington dº	93.24
579	" William Peterson dº	124.32
580	" John White. dº	217.56
581	" Jacob Hays dº	188.16
582	" George Goodheart dº	188.16
583.	Andrew Morrill, Masons Work to Duane Market	51.62
584.	Daniel Davis—repairs to Pumps	50.25
585.	Daniel McFarlane dº dº	74.43
586.	Fosdick & Davis—Painting dº	40.64
587.	David King, refreshments for Corporation	27.37
588.	William M. Summers, ballance of Salary as Inspector of Bread	68. 6
589	Abel W. Hardenbrook for repairs to Fire Engines	1720.98
590	[418] Justus Dearman, for carting Stone to fill Beekman Slip wharf	15.
591	Andrew S. Leary, Carpenters work to Markets	54.
592	dº dº to Gaol	131.
593	dº dº to Pumps	62.50
594	dº dº to Streets	5.50
595	dº dº to Docks	5.50
596	William Peters, for Assessmt of intersection on regulating Front Street	7.60
597	Adolphus Loss. Surveyor	52.
598	John S. Hunn to refund monies collected on the Assessmt for opening Canal Street	586.50
599	Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for Lighting Lamps	1000.
600	John H. Sickles, on acct of Building Commee	1000.
601	Richard Furman, Supt of Alms House	3000.

[419] In Common Council Decr 21st 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.

James Drake, Jacob Mott, Peter A. Mesier, Thurston Wood, Abraham King, Samuel M. Hopkins, John Bingham, John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Abraham Bloodgood, Jasper Ward, John W. Mulligan, Thomas J. Campbell, John Slidell, Samuel Torbert, Simon Van Antwerp, Stephen Ludlam, Samuel Kipp. — Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Communication was received from the Reverend the Clergy of this city.

A number of the Clergy, of different denominations, of this city, at a meeting held on Wednesday [420] the 16th instant, having taken

into consideration the merciful dispensations of Divine Providence towards the city during the late Season, and also the present interesting aspect of public affairs:

Resolved, That it is proper to take public and Solemn notice of the Divine goodness, and, as a People, to implore that continued protection, and those temporal and spiritual blessings which are so essential to our welfare.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the several Congregations under our pastoral care, to set apart Friday, the 25th instant, as a day of solemn Thanksgiving and prayer, and that, abstaining from all servile labour and recreations on that day, they come together, to acknowledge the mercy of God in again exempting us from the Scourge of pestilence; to praise him for the multiplied favours of his gracious Providence; to beseech him to preserve us in peace, and to continue and extend our national prosperity; and, above all, to pray for the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit on our Churches, and that we may be favoured with all spiritual and heavenly blessings in Christ Jesus.

Signed by order of the meeting.

John Rodgers, Chairman.

New York. Dec. 16th. 1807.

[421] Whereupon Resolved, That this Board unite in the recommendation of the Reverend the Clergy of this city upon the above occasion, and accordingly recommend, that Friday, the Twenty fifth day of December instant, be observed and set apart as a day of public and Special thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God for his benevolent dispensations of Mercy to this city; and we accordingly recommend to our fellow citizens, that they carefully abstain from all recreations and secular employments on that day.

A Report from the Police Office, that John Sickles, a watchman in Captain Petersons Company, had lost his Cap when asleep on his post, and a recommendation from his Captain in his favour, were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Report from Captain Goodheart on the state of the public Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

*A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 20. setting forth that in consequence of the New Fire Engine appropriated to said Company being too large to be conveniently managed by their present Number and praying an augmentation of Five additional Members, was read and referred to the Fire Department.

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 130.*—ED.

[422a] A Memorial of Isaac Van Orden and Abraham Shotwell, claiming compensation for damages sustained by losing 200 Docklogs which they had provided to fulfil their offer to sink obstructions in the harbour, agreeably to an advertisement of a Committee of the Corporation for contracts for that purpose; which offer, however, was not definitively accepted, was referred to the Committee of Defence.

*A Memorial of the Directors and Stockholders of the Bergen Turnpike, recommending a renewal of the lease of Hoboken Ferry to David Godwin the present lessee, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

†A Memorial of Anne Culbert claiming a ballance of $54. due the estate of her late husband Hugh Culbert for regulating Mulberry Street, uncollected on the Assessment on certain vacant lots in said Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following recommendations and Petitions for Offices were severally read and referred to the Committee on applications.

Jonathan Pearsee } for Supt of the Alms House.
William Mooney }

Henry C. Southwick, to be continued Printer

[423a] Louisa Keefe, to be continued Keeper of the Flag staff at the Battery.

‡Amos Corning, to be appd City Surveyor

Amaziah Dusenberry, for, Keeper of Bridewell

Samuel Hutchins, " Supt of Scavengers

Peter Robertson " Inspr of Firewood.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Assessors in Art Street

Report that there are but two ways in which the Board can proceed, either to let the present Assessors compleat the Assessment or discharge them and appoint new Assessors. They leave it to the Board to decide which would be most proper.

Thurston Wood
Decr 21.st. 1807. Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Council of the Board for his opinion.

The following Report was received and Ordered to lie for consideration.

||The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Stephen

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18 P. 7.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 72. 100.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 18. P. 222.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See. P. 400.*—Ed.

Stillwell on the subject of a Coalmine on his land in Wood-Stock in the County of Ulster in this State;

[422b] Report, that they have submitted the Specimen of Coal produced by Mr Stillwell to the inspection and examination of Doctor Bruce professor of mineralogy and Doctor Dewitt professor of Chemistry of the College of Physicians in this city. That those gentlemen are decidedly of opinion that the Specimen indicates the existence of a Coal mine, the extent and quality of which can only be ascertained by actual exploration.

From satisfactory enquiry into the character of Mr Stillwell, Your Committee are perfectly assured that the Specimen of Coal offered by him has been, bona fide, taken from a mine as set forth in his petition. The expence of exploring being too great and hazardous for him to attempt alone, he proposes to raise a fund of $50.000. in Shares of Fifty Dollars each, pledging the land on which the mine is situate for the benefit of the Subscribers together with a right to one half of the coalmine.

How far the Corporation may judge it expedient to contribute towards exploring the mine, either by subscription for a number of shares, or by an advance of a reasonable sum on such security as Mr Stillwell can give, or by offering a premium for the first quantity [423b] of Coal amounting to Chaldrons produced from his mine, is submitted to the wisdom of the Board.

The Committee cannot conclude this reference without observing that it is certainly an object of the highest consequence and a duty imposed on this Board to encourage every plausible plan that may tend to produce a supply of an Article so essentially necessary for the comfort and existence of the citizens of this rapidly encreasing metropolis, as mineral Coal; especially when the resource can be found within the bosom of our own State, whereby our citizens will be relieved from the uncertain dependence on foreign supplies.

The Augmentation of our population exceeds, annually, the growth of Forests for Fuel, and unless additional resources be explored, this essential article of existence must bear extremely oppressive, as indeed it does at present, on the poorer classes of Society.

Samuel Torbert
Sam. M. Hopkins
Stepn Ludlam.

Decr 21. 1807.

[424] A Report of the Attorney against the* Petitions of Captains Asa Whipple and George M^cLeland, was confirmed.

The Attorney informed the Board that he had received complaints against Simeon Babcock, Grocer, N° 414. Greenwich S^t & Robert Shanklin, 22 Thames S^t licenced tavernkeepers and grocers for allowing gambling in their respective houses.

Ordered that he enquire into the facts and if there should appear cause for action to prosecute the Offenders.

The Street Commissioner reported Ordinances for filling up and regulating

†First Street from Delancey Street to Stanton & Second Street from Broome to Stanton Street which were passed and William Hunter Whitehead Hicks Benjamin North Ezekiel Bishop & Thomas Timpson were appointed Assessors.

‡The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for repaving Thames Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street which was confirmed and William Dustan was ap- [425] pointed Collector.

A Report of the Street Commissioner on a representation of the Rev^d John Abeel respecting the payment of an Assessment for the regulation of Mott Street to John Bussing Collector, the receipt for which was mislaid; and offering to pay the amount of $60. to M^r Clarkson the present Collector on receiving an acknowledgment that the same shall be refunded, in case the aforesaid receipt shall hereafter be found; was read and referred to the ||Committee on the accounts of said Bussing.

§A Report of the Comptroller in favour of permitting John Gibson, Administrator of George Maule, to assign the lease of Lot N° 101. in Chatham Street, was confirmed.

¶The Clerk presented the draft of a Law for the establishment of a Board of Health which was passed.

Resolved that the Street now called Brannon Street, beginning at Thompson Street be known and be hereafter called Spring Street, and the Market now standing in said Street be known and be hereafter called Spring Street Market.

[426] Alderman Wood offered the following Resolutions;

**Resolved that John White, Captain of the Night Watch of the Second District, be and he is hereby removed:

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 400.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 319.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 228. 250.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report of Committee Vol. 18. P. 97.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 401.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *Vide Laws p. 28.*—ED. ** Marginal note reads *See P. 403.*—ED.

Which, a division being called, was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative.		Negative
Alderman Drake	Messrs Bloodgood	Alderman Mesier
Mott	Ward	Hopkins
Wood	Campbell	Messrs Mulligan
King	Torbert	Slidell.
Bingham	Van Antwerp	
Miller	Ludlam	
	Kipp.	

Resolved that Jacob Hays, Captain of the Night Watch of the Third District be and he is hereby removed.

[427] Which, a division being called, was carried in the Affirmative, as on the former Resolution.

Resolved that George Goodheart, Captain of the Night Watch of the Third District be and he is hereby removed.

Which, a division being called, was carried in the Affirmative as before.

The Board proceeded to supply the vacancies occasioned by the preceding removals. when on examining the Ballots,

*James Snow was elected Captain of the Night Watch for the 2d District.

Isaac Anderson & Thomas Darling Captains of the Night Watch for the 3d Dist.

Alderman Drake presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Office of Attorney to this Board be and the same is hereby vacated.

Which, a division being called, was carried in the Affirmative, the Ayes and Nays being the same as on the former divisions.

The Board proceeded to ballot for an attorney to the Corporation, when on examining [428] the ballots, Samuel Cowdrey was duly elected.

Alderman Hopkins, Drake & Mr Van Antwerp } were appointed a Committee to confer with Mr Cowdrey on the subject of regulating his charges for conducting the business of the Board.

The following Resolution presented by Mr Mulligan was passed.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to be nominated "The Committee of Finance" whose duty it shall be to investigate, and from time to time report on the State, management and means of improving the funds, property and resources of the City, and on such

*Marginal note reads *See. P. 403.*—Ed.

subjects connected therewith, as may be proper in relation to their appointment.

A Motion for reconsidering the preceding Resolution was carried, and it was thereupon Ordered to lie over till the next meeting.

Charles Smith, Tanner, of the 8th Ward was appointed Fireman to Company No 30. vice Robert Vandenbergh, resigned, the Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

[429] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 602.	Israel Haviland, for repairs to Fire Engines.....	$814.96
603.	James J. Myers, Supt repairs to Roads.....	311.33
604.	Mark McCamman, George McCamman & Alexander Dobbins, for labour for Supt of repairs.....	45.
605.	Matthew Banks, for repairs to Pumps.....	57. 9
606.	Joseph Boyd, carting for Supt of repairs.....	99.12
607.	Andrew S. Leary, Carpenters works, for Pumps.....	20.
608.	do do Parks	14.37
609.	do do Engine Houses....	7.44
610.	Peter Hawes, for expences of Charter election for 2d Ward	9.37

[430] In Common Council, Decemr 28th. 1807.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor.
Maturine Livingston, Esqr Recorder.

Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Abraham Bloodgood	Assistants.
Jacob Mott		Jasper Ward	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		John Slidell	
John Bingham		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Simon Van Antwerp	
Peter A. Mesier		John W. Mulligan	
Samuel M. Hopkins.		Samuel Kipp.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor informed the Board that he had received a letter from Richard Harison Esqr resigning his Office as Counsel of the Board.

A Report from the Police Office that Captain Anderson had dismissed George McCamman [431] and Andrew Harper, for neglect of duty on the night of the 26th. inst. was referred to the Watch Committee.

Reports from Captains Lawrence and Anderson on the State of the public Lamps were referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Communication from the Board of Health recommending that the usual methods heretofore adopted at this season of the year for

the preservation of the public health, by inspecting the City for the purpose of emptying privies and removing other impurities, be forthwith carried into effect, was read, and confirmed, and

Andrew Otterson was appointed Assistant to the City Inspector for said purpose.

The following Memorial was presented

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened

*The Board of Trustees of the New York public Free School

Respectfully represent,

That in order to render the institution under their superintendance as extensively useful as the funds [432] from time to time will enable them to do: they have in contemplation the erection of a building which may be adequate to the accommodation of 500 Scholars, with the appropriation of a part thereof for the Teacher and his family, and as the Trustees apprehend that the children in the Alms House are equally the objects of pity and of the public benevolence with those of any other description, they feel solicitous that this charity may so fully extend to them as to interest the Corporation and induce a liberal co-operation on their part, so as to enable the Trustees to make such further provision in the premises as may not only be commensurate to the reception of all the children of a suitable age in the Alms house, but also with the utility and magnitude of the establishment, and which if wisely conducted may prove a blessing to the rising generation, and productive of great good to the Community at large. Under these impressions of the subject and with desires to revive the consideration of it in the view of the Corporation, and in order that a full discussion may take place thereon, they have appointed a Committee of their Board for that purpose, and request a similar measure may be adopted by the Corporation, as the most [433] eligible medium of communicating sentiments on this important subject.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Board.

De Witt Clinton
President.

B. D. Perkins
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New York. 12th. Month
Decr 26th. 1807.

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 51.*—Ed.

Whereupon

Alderman Mott, Drake, Miller, Messrs Ward & Kipp } were appointed a Committee to confer with the Trustees.

A Communication from Major General Stevens on the subject of the Artillery and Military Stores in this city, together with an Estimate by Brigadier General Morton of the expence of Camp equipage for the equipment of 1000. Men, were referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Petition of John Gibson for the renewal of the lease of a Lot, formerly leased to George Janeway and John Waters, Executors of the estate of Peter Bausher deceased, was referred to the Comptroller.

[434] *A Memorial of Joshua Carr, respecting his responsibility for the maintenance of a bastard child in the Alms house, and proposing to take charge of said child on condition of being exonerated from his bond, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

†A Memorial of Jonathan Lawrence, remonstrating against the assessment on his lots for regulating Suffolk and Arundel Streets was referred to Alderman Mott, Messrs Torbert and Ludlam.

Ordered that the warrant in the hands of the Collector as far as respects the assessment on said Lots be staid until further orders.

A Communication from Richard Clarkson respecting an accident that occurred on the evening of the 27th inst. of a persons falling into certain sunken lots the property of Maturine Livingston Esqr betwixt Ridge & Arundel Streets near Stanton Street, was referred to the same Committee.

‡A Petition of Anne Nestell and Christian Nestell, proposing to purchase the gore of ground, adjoining their property in Chatham Street, belonging to the Corporation was referred to Alderman Drake, Messrs Bloodgood & Ludlam.

[435] Petitions of

Casparus Romaine, to be appd Supt of scavengers
William F. Stewart do Weighmaster
Thomas Lownds. do Supt of the Alms Ho

were referred to the Committee on Applications for Offices.

A Communication from Capt Thomas Darling informing that the post of Lieutenant to his Company of Watch men was vacant and

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 32.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18. P. 78.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report. Vol. 18. P. 96.*—Ed.

recommending Abraham D^e^Baun to supply the same, was referred to the Watch Committee, who reported in favour of said recommendation.

Whereupon Abraham D^e^Baun was appointed Lieutenant to Cap^t^ Darling.

A proposition of the Church masters of the Reformed Dutch Church respecting the terms for lighting additional lamps set up before their Churches in Nassau and William Streets, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

On a representation of Abner Curtis the Mayors First Marshal that the Constables and Marshals of this City, to the number of Fifty, were unfurnished with Staves of Office.

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs provide Staves to be painted and [436] numbered; and to be deliverod to the several Constables and Marshals correspondent with their respective numbers, who shall [be] responsible for the same and be individually subject to a penalty of One Dollar, if they appear with or use any other Staff than such as corresponds with their number as aforesaid:

A Communication was received from the Committee appointed by the Africans and descendants of Africans in this city, "to make "arrangements for celebrating the period which puts a stop to the "commerce of the Human Species," returning their acknowledgments to the Corporation for the grant of Officers to preserve good order on the occasion, and Soliciting the members to accept tickets of admission to the Oration which is to be delivered by an African descendant at the African Church in Church Street corner of Leonard Street on Friday the 1^st^ day of Jan^y^ next 10 o'clock. A. M.

The following Report was presented

The Committee of Laws and Ordinances respectfully Report

That the Laws and Ordinances composing the printed Volume now in use were passed on the 17th day of January 1805. and are therefore about to expire.

[437] That most of the Laws respect the permanent regulations of the City, and have with few alterations been in force for a series of years. And your Committee conceive that with such amendments as have been made or may be adopted by the Board it may be proper that the whole or the greater part of them be re-ordained.

As a commencement of this work, the Committee submit herewith several Ordinances of a permanent nature revised according to the amendments now actually in force. A List of these is hereto sub-

joined and the Committee respectfully recommend that they be passed to remain in force for the ensuing three years.

The Committee also beg leave to suggest that in future the date of the passing of every Law be printed after the Title as is usual with the State Laws.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Dec^{r} 28th. 1807. Sam. M. Hopkins
John W. Mulligan.

Whereupon the following Ordinances were severally read and passed:

A Law for the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday.

[438] A Law for the establishment of a Board of Health and for the appointment of a City Inspector.

A Law for procuring regular Bills of Mortality and also for procuring a Register of Births and Marriages.

A Law for regulating Taverns, Victualling Houses and Boarding Houses.

A Law for the Regulation and better government of the Alms House.

A Law for the appointment of a Road Committee and Overseers of public roads.

A Law to appoint a Comptroller of the City of New York.

A Law to regulate the public Markets in the City of New York.

A Law to regulate Carts and Carmen in the City of New York.

The following Report was read.

*The Committee who were appointed to confer with the Commissioners for laying out roads &c^{a} on the propriety of opening a *a* Street between the Bowery road and East river to Bellevue,

Report that they waited on M^{r} Gouverneur Morris one of the said Commission- [439] ers who informed them that the surveys were not yet finished, but would probably be completed by May or June next and that one of the first objects of the Commissioners thereafter would be to open a more direct communication from the East part of the town to Bellevue.

New York. December 28th. 1807.

Nich^{s} Fish.
Jn^{o} Slidell
Jasper Ward
Sam^{l} Kip.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 414.*—ED.

The following Report was read.

*The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Stoddard respecting his house in Leonard Street

Report That upon enquiry it appears that about the 10th of September Mr Stoddard called on the Street Commissioner to survey his lot so that he might set his house agreeably to the line of the Street, on which application the Street Commissioner referred him to Mr Bridges as one of the City Surveyors, Mr Stoddard applied to Mr Bridges accordingly and had his lot surveyed by him. Mr Stoddard then proceeded to build his house on the line of the Street as designated by Mr Bridges; and about the first of October the Street Commissioner [440] called on Mr Stoddard and informed him that his house was on the Street and that he must stop building until the will of the Corporation should be known.

The Committee is therefore of opinion that as Mr Stoddard has complied in all respects with the requisitions of the law and by so doing has by the incorrectness of the Surveyor placed his house Nine feet in the Street; that the said house ought to be removed back to the line of the Street and there put in the same state of repairs, the chimney excepted, as it is where it now stands, at the expence of the Corporation, as soon as it conveniently can be done.

Decemr 28th. 1807. John D. Miller
Stepn Ludlam.

Ordered that said Building be removed in conformity with the aforesaid Report, at the expence of this Board, under the superintendence of the Committee of repairs.

The Committee on applications for Offices reported in favour of appointing

†William C. Ballard, Measurer of Grain & Salt
†William Philips do do do

which was confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

[441] ‡The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Assessors for Art Street, which was referred to the late Counsel of the Board, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

||The Street Commissioner presented the award of the Arbitrators in the case between the Corporation and Mr George Janeway for land taken to open Cross Street, by which it is decreed that the Corporation pay Mr Janeway Two thousand Seven hundred Dollars on or before

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 400.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 403.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 33.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 238. & Vol. 16. P. 336.*—Ed.

the 3d January next: And as the money to reimburse the Corporation is to be raised by Assessment on such persons as may be deemed to be benefitted thereby: he further presented the draft of an Ordinance for that purpose which was passed and Oliver Drake William L. Rose Henry Astor Alexander Clark and Leonard Warner were appointed Assessors.

*The Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner has the honor to state to the Board, that by virtue of the powers vested in the Corporation by an Act of the Legislature entitled "and Act for regula [442] ting the Buildings, Streets, Wharves and Slips in the City of New York," passed the 3d April 1801. They have directed him to take order for filling in the sunken lots on Hester and Rynder Streets, which had not been filled and regulated agreeably to certain ordinances passed for that purpose.

It was at first considered that it would only be necessary to fill in the lots by contract and charge it as a lien upon the property, agreeably to the last section of the said act: But if this is done, it may be a long time before the Corporation will be remunerated, as they cannot, it is believed, sell the Lots under that clause.

But by the 12th Section of the said Act, another process is pointed out, authorizing the Common Council to advertise and sell the Lots to defray the expenses. It is, in this case necessary to cause estimates to be made by five Assessors in the usual way, and to advertise the same three weeks previous to the sale.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that it would be most prudent to adopt the latter mode, particularly as the owners of several of those Lots are unknown. He there- [443] fore presents the draft of an Ordinance for the purpose of making the said estimate, which in his opinion ought to be passed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Decr 28th. 1807. John S. Hunn

Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of this Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication which was read and referred to the Road Committee.

†Agreeably to the directions of the Board the Street Commissioner presents a profile of Broadway from Art Street to the Bowery road for their inspection and consideration.

If the Commissioners should make no material alterations in the Streets which intersect Broadway above Art Street, the pencil line on

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 35.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 413.*—Ed.

the profile giving an elevation of one inch on ten feet from Art Street might with propriety be adopted, as a permanent regulation; but as it is probable the Commissioners will alter the position of certain Streets which will be affected by that line, the Street Commissioner cannot recommend an Ordinance for a permanent line until he is better informed from them on this subject.

[444] It might however be considered of advantage to regulate the Street in a temporary manner and the Street Commissioner has drafted an ordinance in conformity which he is of opinion might be passed with propriety.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Dec^{r} 28th. 1807. John S. Hunn.

A request of the Street Commissioner for leave of absence for a fortnight to attend to urgent private business, was granted.

On representation by the Clerk,

Ordered that the Law to prevent the firing of Guns and setting off squibs in this city be published in the several Newspapers, and that all Constables, Marshals and Watchmen be enjoined to attend to the strict execution of the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken Lots and correcting other nuisances, from N^{o} 3897 to 3906. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Captains of the watch report, daily, at the Bridewell the state of the Lamps in their respective districts.

[445] Ordered that the Daily Advertiser be discontinued as one of the public papers employed to print the Laws and Advertisements of this Board and that the Public Advertiser be substituted instead thereof.

*Resolved that a Committee be appointed by this Board to confer with a Committee of the Manhattan Company respecting the expediency of an arrangement for the disposal of the waterworks to this Corporation, and that the said Committee report to this Board their proceedings therein.

Alderman Fish
King
The Recorder
M^{r} Bloodgood
and
Van Antwerp
} were appointed the Committee

*Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 18 P. 48.*—Ed.

*Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to report to this Board at their next meeting, the State of the funds of the Corporation, distinguishing the cash on hand, the amount of the tax of this year that has been collected; the amount of the notes or bonds which the Corporation owe, either to any of the Banks or to individuals; which contracts have been made on the part of the Corporation upon which money is yet to be paid, and what contracts have not [446] yet been fulfilled, together with the monies due and owing to individuals from the Corporation.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies

Nº 20.

William Guest, Cabinetmaker, 231 Greenwich Stᵗ v. David Pullis removed from city.

Nº 21.

John Dixon. Taylor. 55. Fair Street, v. Gideon Kimberley, resigned.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 611.	Captᵗ Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$237.16
612.	" William Van Wart dº	.....	237.16
613.	" William Peterson dº	.....	217.56
614.	" James Snow dº	.....	93.24
615	" John White dº	.....	124.32
616	" Thomas Darling dº	.....	80.64
617.	" Jacob Hays dº	.....	113.27
618	" Isaac Anderson dº	.....	80.64
619.	" George Goodheart dº	.....	113.27
620.	Cornˢ C. Van Allen, Executor of estate of Cornˢ Clopper, for Intᵗ on bond	.....	125.
621.	Matthew Dikeman repairs to Pumps	.....	101.
622.	[447] John R. Furman, assessmᵗ for Crosby Street	.....	40.64
623.	Alexander Morton, cartᵍᵉ for Supᵗ of repairs	.....	89.25
624.	Abel H. Hardenbrook, for Fire Engines	.....	1580.31
625.	Henry McFarlane, Exʳ of Estate of Nichˢ Carmer, for Boards supplied by him	.....	10.62
626.	Saltus Son & Cº for blocks for signal Poles	.....	3.28
627.	Abner Curtis, for refreshment for Marshals on duty, Christmas eve & night	.....	17.63
628.	William Kay. for repairs to Wells & Pumps	.....	176.12
629.	Richard Harison, balˡᵉ of Salary as Council	.....	152.10
630.	Justus Dearman, repairs at Peck Slip	.....	33.82
631.	Benj. S. Judah, allowᵉ for Pumps, corner of Rivington & Sixth Street	.....	29.
632.	John H. Sickles, on acctᵗ of Building Commᵉ	.....	1000.
633.	Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for Lamps	.....	3000.

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol 18. p. 8.*—Eᴅ.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 1808 TO JUNE 27, 1808

MEMBERS

of the

Common Council, of the City of New York.

1808.

Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.
*Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor
Maturine Livingston, Esquire Recorder.
†Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire Recorder.

First Ward	Peter Mesier, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	John Slidell	Assistant
Second, do	Samuel M. Hopkins Esq^{r}	Alderman
	John W. Mulligan	Assistant
Third. do	Abraham King, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistant
Fourth. do	James Drake, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	Abraham Bloodgood	Assistant
Fifth do	John Bingham, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	Thomas J. Campbell	Assistant
Sixth do	John D. Miller, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	Stephen Ludlam	Assistant
Seventh. do	Jacob Mott, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	Samuel Torbert	Assistant
Eighth. do	Thurston Wood, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	Jasper Ward	Assistant
Ninth. do	Nicholas Fish Esq^{r}	Alderman
	Samuel Kip	Assistant

* Marginal note reads *Feby 22^{d}*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Feby 15th*—Ed.

[1] City of New York.
In Common Council, January 4th. 1808.

Present. Marinus Willett. Esquire, Mayor
Maturine Livingston, Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Mott,	Messrs	Abraham Bloodgood	
James Drake		Samuel Kip	
John Bingham		Samuel Torbert	
Abraham King	Esquires	Stephen Ludlam	Assistants
Thurston Wood	Aldermen	John Slidell	
Nicholas Fish		Simon Van Antwerp	
Peter Mesier		Jasper J. Ward	
John D. Miller		Thomas J. Campbell	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Captain Darling had suspended Peter Keslaer, for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Report from Captain Anderson that Peter [2] Sherwood, one of his Company, had resigned and recommending James Doughty, a substitute, to be appointed in his place, was referred to the same Committee.

A Report from Captain Lawrence on the State of the public Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

*A Communication from Thomas Duggan respecting his claim for damages for opening Canal Street, was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of George Wilt butcher, for the stand N° 19. in the Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Star, and John Ten Broeck butchers to be allowed to interchange Stalls N° 30 & 38 occupied by them in Hudson market, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Caleb Wade to be appointed Inspector of Wood; was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

Petitions of the inhabitants in Brannon & Hudson Streets and Spring & Varick Streets. for Wells & Pumps were referred to the

* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 92.*—Ed.

Alderman and Assistant [3] of the Eighth Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Spring Street between Washington Street and Broadway for Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Grand and Broome Streets and the vicinity, for Lamps and Watchmen, was referred to the Lamp and Watch Committees.

*A Petition of James Langley for the renewal of the Lease of Lot N° 47. Chatham Street, on such terms as may be reasonable, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Thomas Palmer, setting forth that a ballance of $283. is due him for regulating Mott Street, which remains uncollected on certain vacant lots, and praying that the Corporation will advance the same, and take their remedy, according to law, against said Lots was referred to the Street Commissioner.

†A Petition of Henry Spingler, setting forth that he had misconceived the principles on which he had signed a deed of cession, for that part of Broadway, running through his land, and praying that the same may be cancelled, and another deed, which was presented, may be accepted in its place, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

[4] A Proposal of Thomas D. Hind to the Corporation, to furnish Firewood from the Hudson river, on moderate terms, by their becoming concerned in the expences of purchase and transportation, was referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House.

A Letter from William Bridges, city surveyor, explaining the error committed by him in surveying the site for the foundation of the house of Robert Stoddard in Leonard Street, was referred to Alderman Miller and M^r Ludlam.

A Report of the Market Committee in favour of permitting Jacob Aimes to exchange his stall in Spring Street, with James Kirk occupant of stall N° 9. in Hudson Market was confirmed.

The following report was presented

The Committee of Laws and Ordinances respectfully report

That the annexed is a list of the titles of Laws and Ordinances now in force which are about to expire and in which no material alterations have been suggested. The Committee have marked a few amendments, merely verbal, in the printed Copy of the Laws, which they

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 319.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 78. 168.*—ED.

herewith submit. And they submit to the Common [5] Council the propriety of re-enacting the said Laws so amended.

Jan^{y} 4. 1807. Sam. M. Hopkins
John W. Mulligan

Whereupon the following Ordinances were severally read and passed.

A Law directing monthly reports from the measurers of Grain, Lime, Charcoal, Boards and Lumber, and Weighers of Hay and providing for annual reports by the City Inspector of the amount and value of the various articles and Commerce imported into and exported from this City.

A Law relating to Persons licensed by the Mayor to retail spirituous liquors.

A Law directing the uses of the public seals of the City of New York.

A Law to regulate the Fees of Weighmasters and Measurers.

A Law to regulate the sale of Firewood, for the appointment of Inspectors thereof and for the division of the City into Inspection Districts.

A Law to regulate the Sale of Charcoal.

A Law to regulate the passing of Carriages and Sleds in the public Streets and roads.

A Law to prevent the setting of Fences or other obstructions in the rivers within the limits and [6] jurisdiction of this City.

A Law for the establishment of signal Poles on Staten Island.

A Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell and for the appointment of a keeper thereof.

A Law for the better regulation of the City Watch and for the division of the City into districts for that purpose.

A Law for the establishing the Assize and regulating the Inspection of Bread.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of opening the Broadway road from Art Street to the Bowery road,

Report that in their opinion it is incumbent on the Corporation to use such means as may be in their power, particularly at this inclement season, to alleviate the evils which must result from a suspension of the ordinary avocations of the laborious part of the Community in this City: That the opening of the Broadway road, while it would tend to public convenience and improvement, would also

afford employment for a number of industrious persons, who may be suffering for the want of work, and thereby relieve themselves and families from distress.

[7] The Committee are therefore of opinion, that it would be proper, without delay, to commence the opening of said road, according to the profile thereof, with as many hands as can be usefully employed therein, under the direction of the Overseer of roads for the Southern district, and that the expence attending the same be defrayed by the Corporation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

New York
Janʸ 4th 1808.

Nichˢ Fish
Samˡ Kip
Jnº Slidell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of David Godwin the present keeper of Hoboken Ferry

Recommend that the said Ferry be leased to the said Godwin for the term of three years, commencing on the 1st of February next at the annual rent of Three hundred and Fifty dollars per annum. payable in quarterly payments; the said Godwin keeping a sufficient number of Boats for the transportation and accomodation of passengers, horses, carriages and goods, conformable to the Law for regulating Ferries.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Decʳ 29th. 1807.

Jacob Mott
Simon Van Antwerp
Stepⁿ Ludlam.

[8] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented by the Comptroller.

†The Comptroller, in obedience to the order of the Board of the 28th Ult. directing him to report "the State of the funds of the "Corporation, distinguishing the cash on hand; the amount of the "Tax this year that has been collected; the amount of the Notes or "Bonds which the Corporation owe, either to any of the Banks or to "individuals; what contracts have been made on the part of the "Corporation upon which money is yet to be paid; and what contracts

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 422a.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 445.*—Ed.

"have not yet been fulfilled, together with the monies due and owing "to individuals from the Corporation"; has the honor to Report,

That by the Treasurers return the amount of Cash in the Treasury is $723.89

That of the Tax granted in 1807 for..... $120.000.
there has been collected..... 43.019.20

Leaving still to be collected..... 76 980.80

With respect to the information required by the Board of Notes or Bonds which the Corporation owe either to any of the Banks or individuals, he begs leave to state, that it not having been the course of business, to form contracts, under the direction of the Comptroller; or, to record them in his office when [9] entered into, he could not from documents in his office furnish a correct statement of what is required. From individual application, he has ascertained that there is due to the Manhattan Company upon

1 Bond	dated 1 July. 1806,	Interest @ 6 ℔ ct	.....		$25.000
1 do	do	do	.....		10.000
1 do	do	do	.....		10.000
1 do	do	do	.....		10.000
1 do	14th July	do	.....		10.000
1 do	do	do	.....		10.000
1 do	21. Augt	do	.....		10.000
1 do	4. Septr	do	.....		15.000
				Dollars.	100.000

To the Estate of Cornelius Clopper.

1 Bond	dated 17th. Decr 1792.	@ 5 ℔r ct Int for	.....	£500.	
1 do	24th April. 1797.	do	.....	500.	
1 do	17th. Decr 1796.	do	.....	500.	
				£1500.	
	equal to			Dollars.	3.750.

To John Van Blarcom Junr

1 Bond	dated 1806.	for Assmt of Canal St	.....	2.324.

To Peter & George Lorillard

2 Bonds,	bearing Int from Augt 1806.	for do	.....	3.410.

To Miller & Baker.

4. Bonds	do	from Feby 1806.	do	8.079.60

To Moses Archer.

Last instalment on his Bond			do	843.33
To Warrants remaining unpaid			.....	12.000.
			Dollars.	130.406.93

[10] The last mentioned Bonds, were for advances made by the Corporation upon the opening of Canal Street and, of course, are to be refunded to the Board, by Assessment upon that Street.

These, the Comptroller is induced to believe, are all the Bonds that have been executed by the Corporation. There are still considerable sums due to individuals upon valuations for the opening of Canal and other Streets, which will be met in a great measure by Assessments upon the individuals benefitted by those regulations.

The Comptroller has the honor further to report, that he knows of no contracts open, and from enquiries which he has made he is led to believe there are none, either on the part of the Corporation to individuals, or from individuals to the Corporation, upon which money is to be paid, or which have not been fulfilled, excepting such as come within the contingent expences of the City, as those for lighting the Lamps and for filling up the Collect, which are daily executing.

The Comptroller has further the honor to subjoin a statement of the revenue arising to the Corporation which will be due and receivable the current year.

[11] On the Sale of Inclenberg Lots	32.778.14
do Hamilton Square do	7.500.
Water Lots rent now due	7.222.94
do do 1st May. 1808	3.578.69
House and Ground rent	12.673.34
Common Lands rent	2.501.
Ferries rent	4.044.54
Docks and Slips.....ballance	9.000.
Sundry Bonds and Notes	3.465.23
Interest on Manhattan Stock above amt of Interest paid them	3.000.
Vendue Sales.....ballance	10.000.
Excise.....estimated at	4.000.
Markets and Tavern licences	3.000.
Tax to be collected as on 1st Page	76.980.80
Cash	723.89
Dollars.	180.467.57

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jany 4th. 1808. J. Morton. Compt^r

The Street Commissioner presented a Report and the draft of an Ordinance for regulating First Street from Grand to Delancey Street which were confirmed and passed and William Hunter Whitehead Hicks Benjamin North Thomas Timpson and Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors.

[12] The Street Commissioner presented the following Report.

*A Petition from the inhabitants and owners of property in Stone Street praying that an Old building projecting in the Street be removed, having been referred to the Street Commissioner he has the honor thereon to

Report

That the house complained of by the Petitioners had been for many years the joint property of John Leake late of this City and William Peartree Smith of Elizabeth town in New Jersey. That John Leake devised his interest in the premises to Robert B. Norton, and William Peartree Smith devised his interest in the premises to his daughter Mrs Boudinot, which interest Mr Elisha Boudinot still holds. That Robert B. Norton made a will by which he devised his interest in this estate among other things to his two children,. infants, and appointed his brother John L. Norton, and his brother in law George Clinton, his Executors; without giving them any power to sell any part of the estate so devised to his children, until they should arrive of age.

[13] The Street Commissioner further reports, that twelve months ago or more, from an application made to him by Mr Storm one of the Petitioners, he communicated to Mr Norton, the acting Executor of Robert B. Norton, the anxiety of the neighbourhood to remove that house, and that Mr Norton made him the answer stated by the petitioners, that he had no power to treat respecting it, but could have no objection to its being removed by the mode pointed out by law.

This building is very old, built of Wood and very slight. The expence of the removal will not be of any serious consequence; and it is really a very considerable incumbrance to the Street and ought to be taken away. And as the Executors of Mr Norton, who are in the actual possession of the premises cannot treat, the only measure necessary and proper for the Corporation to adopt for its removal is to direct the Attorney to prepare the usual precepts, which the Street Commissioner recommends by proposing the following resolution.

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be and he is hereby directed, with all speed, to prepare and deliver to the Sheriff of the city and county of New York a precept to impannel and return a Jury to appear before the Mayor's Court of this city to enquire and assess the damages and recompence due to the owners of a House [14] projecting in Stone Street, and the grounds upon which said house stands,

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 367. See. P. 409.*—ED.

supposed to belong to Elisha Boudinot and the heirs of Robert B. Norton deceased.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Janʸ 4th. 1808. John S. Hunn.
Sᵗ Commʳ

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report.

*The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of John Keese praying that he may be released from filling up his sunken lots in Stanton Street, has the honor to Report

That Mʳ Keese's lots are situate at the Northeasterly corner of Stanton and Columbia Streets, at that part where Stanton Street has been filled, and that the loose sand of Stanton Street, lately deposited, is daily washing into his in common with all other sunken lots on that Street, which was the very reason of directing these lots to be filled, least the street should be further injured.

That if it be true that the tide waters would wash Mʳ Keese's lots, it is equally true that they will wash away the Street if part of [15] his lots are not filled to prevent it, and as other persons nearer the river are also directed to fill in their lots by the same Ordinance, there can be no reason for excusing Mʳ Keese.

The Street Commissioner is therefore of Opinion, the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Januʸ 4th. 1808. John S. Hunn.
Sᵗ Commʳ

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances from Nº 3907. to Nº 3921. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed.

Aldermen Bingham, Drake, Mott } were appointed the Committee.

Resolved that a Committee of Finance, to consist of Five Members, be appointed by ballot.

Alderman King, Mʳ Ward, Alderman Bingham, " Drake, and Mʳ Bloodgood. } were duly appointed.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 329.*—Ed.

[16] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman, Superintendant of the Alms House, for $3000.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 20.

Samuel Ward, Stonecutter, 40. Lumber Street vice Will^m J Van Allen, gone abroad

N° 34.

Jacob Day, vice Ezra Rogers. resigned.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N° 634.	Joel Davis, repairs to Charlotte Slip Street	.....	$5.
635.	John Pintard, City Inspec^r Salary	.....	312.50
636.	James Hardie, Assist^t d° d°	.....	62.50
637.	Edward Moran. d° S^t Comm^r d°	.....	54.
638.	Abner Curtis, for Marshals & Constables services on New Year's eve	.....	40.
639.	Richard Furman, Sup^t of Alms House	.....	3000.

[17] In Common Council. January 8th. 1808

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire. Mayor.
Maturine Livingston, Esquire, Recorder.

	Mess^rs Abraham Bloodgood	
John Bingham	Simon Van Antwerp	
Thurston Wood	John Slidell	
Abraham King	John W. Mulligan	
Jacob Mott — Esquires Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	— Assistants.
Samuel M. Hopkins	Jasper Ward	
Peter Mesier	Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller.	Samuel Kip	
	Thomas J. Campbell	

The Mayor informed the Board that he had called a special meeting of the Common Council in consequence of a Notice published in the Daily Advertiser of this morning "inviting the Seamen in the vicinity of this city to assemble in the Park tomorrow at 11. o'clock, for the purpose [18] of enquiring of him what they are to do for their subsistence during the Winter." That he wished to consult with the Board on the measures that might be proper to be adopted to prevent any unpleasant consequences.

Whereupon, the Mayor was requested to publish the following Notice in all the Daily papers and to circulate the same in Hand Bills, viz^t

Notice.

The Mayor decidedly disapproves the mode of application recommended in a Morning paper, to be pursued by the Sailors of this port for relief.

He informs the public that the Corporation will, on the present emergency, as they have done on former occasions, provide for the wants of every person, without distinction, who may be considered proper objects of relief.

The Mayor cannot conclude this Notice, without exhorting all classes of Citizens to refrain from assembling in the mode as proposed, and especially dissuades the Sailors from meeting in the Park.

*The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Rynder Street from Hester to Grand Street, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

[19] Resolved that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to cause to be laid before this Board, at their meeting on Monday next, an exact account of the several sums of money collected on the last Tax granted by the Legislature, and likewise the ballance still due the Treasury, by each of the Collectors of the several Wards of the City.

Resolved that Forty eight additional men be added to the City Night Watch, and that they be assigned to the different districts under the direction of the Watch Committee.

Charles McPherson was appointed to assist the Superintendant of the Alms House in relieving the out door poor.

[20] In Common Council. Jany 11th 1808.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor.
Maturine Livingston, Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Mott	Messrs	Abraham Bloodgood	Assistants.
James Drake		Jasper Ward	
John Bingham		Samuel Torbert	
Abraham King	Esquires	John Slidell	
Samuel M. Hopkins	Aldermen.	Simon Van Antwerp	
Peter Mesier		John W. Mulligan	
Thurston Wood		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Samuel Kip.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor laid before the Board the following Memorial, which had been presented to him by the Seamen assembled in the Park, on Saturday morning last, who quietly dis- [21] persed on being assured

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 264. this Vol. P. 172.*—Ed.

by his Honour that the Corporation would take their case into consideration.

To the Honorable the Mayor of the City of New York.

Honorable Sir.

Our situation is not only distressing, but truly alarming. The Embargo lately levied upon our shipping, has not only destroyed all employment by Sea, but rendered it impossible to gain a subsistence by our labor on shore. Our humble petition, to you Sir, is to know how we are to act in this case, and to beg of you to provide some means for our subsistence during the winter, should not the embargo be immediately taken off. What has America to boast of but her Agriculture and Commerce? The destruction of one, will be the ruin of the other.

The greatest part of the wages due us from our last voyages is already expended, and more, we are already indebted for our boarding. By what means shall we discharge these debts? Should we plunder, theive or rob, the State prison will be our certain doom.

In a handbill, this morning, You tried to dissuade us from our purpose, mentioning that provision was made for objects of pity. We are not objects of pity yet, but shall soon be, if there [22] is not some method taken for our support. We are the most part hale, robust, hearty men, and would choose some kind of employment rather than the poor house for a livelyhood. We humbly beg therefore, you will provide some means for our subsistence, or the consequences may not only prove fatal to ourselves, but ruinous to the flourishing Commerce of America, as we shall be necessitated to go on board foreign vessels.

Saturday Jan^{y} 9th
1808.

Petitions of Samuel Montgomery, to be appointed Keeper of Bridewell, and

*Simeon Crooker, Measurer of grain, were referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of John Tenbrook, butcher, for a grant of Stall N^{o} 6. in Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John G. Leabeck to lease part of Lot N^{o} 101. in Chatham Street, at present under lease to the estate of George Albert deceased, sublessee of Peter Bausher deceased, the heiress of said

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 167.*—ED.

Albert, as he sets forth, does not incline to renew the same, was referred to the Comptroller.

[23] *A Petition of Cary Ludlow, reviving his claim on the intestate estate of Reuben Johnson deceased, paid into the City treasury, was referred to the Attorney of the board.

†A Petition of Derick Amerman for the renewal of the lease of Catherine ferry, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

‡A Petition of Lewis Kelly and Abner Conklin, administrators of the estate of Joseph Kelly deceased, claiming a ballance, due said estate, for the regulation of Broome Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Letter from General Stevens to the Mayor, inclosing a plan of a Radeau or Floating battery, calculated for the defence of this harbour, was referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Communication from Jonas Humbert on the subject of furnishing the indigent poor with good and wholesome bread, which he offers to bake, materials furnished, at the rate of fourteen shillings per barrel, was referred to the Committee of ways and means.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means

[24] Report

That in order to provide for the subsistence of the Seamen of this port, thrown out of employment in consequence of the existing embargo, they have conferred with Captain Chauncey of the U^d States Navy who has consented to receive the Sailors in the Navy Yard, on condition of signing the Articles of the U^d States Navy, to continue in service, during their own pleasure, and perform duty agreeably to his orders, the Corporation agreeing to pay the amount of their maintenance, at the rate of twenty cents per ration for twenty four hours, which includes victuals, drink, fuel, candles and accommodation for lodging. Soap for washing to be an extra charge.

The Committee recommend this arrangement to the Common Council, as thereby every Sailor in distress will be comfortably supported, and being removed from town, and subject to the orders and discipline of the Navy, no ill consequences can result to the peace of the city, from their tumultuous associations. This meritorious class of citizens, it is confidently presumed, will be perfectly satisfied with this plan for their immediate support. Whenever they can do better they

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 101.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. Report P. 54.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 98.*—ED.

will be at perfect liberty to leave the navy yard and work for themselves.

[25] Should the Common Council approve the measure, the Committee will arrange the details with Capt. Chauncey for the admission of the Seamen and charge of the rations.

To provide for that class of citizens, who are capable of labouring and who are destitute of occupation, the Committee have directed the Street Commissioner to examine how many Carmen and hands to load carts can be advantageously employed to fill the collect, and the means of providing earth for the purpose: and to report Ordinances to compel proprietors of low grounds in the vicinity to co-operate with the Corporation.

The Committee likewise contemplate the expediency of reducing Inclenberg hill on the Boston road, provided the frost shall not oppose insuperable obstacles.

They will likewise direct the Street Commissioner to examine the situation of Streets and lots that may require to be regulated and raised in the vicinity of Corlaers Hook, and, if practicable and not too oppressive to the proprietors, to report ordinances for regulating and filling the same.

These various objects may employ a considerable number of industrious persons at moderate wages, which may enable them to support their families without becoming a public burthen.

[26] For the maintenance of that class of citizens for whom labour cannot be provided and who are incapable of labouring, the Committee propose to issue rations of Soup and meat, four times a week, in proportion to the numbers of their respective families, agreeably to the accompanying plan.

To conduct this measure, with the greatest possibly economy, the Committee are providing a Soup House in the Alms House, which will be compleated by Thursday next; in the mean time partial supplies are provided, adequate, it is presumed, to the present demand.

The Committee suggest the propriety of keeping a distinct account, from the ordinary expences of the Almshouse, of the expences which may be incurred for this extraordinary exigency. For this purpose they have appointed Alderman Bingham their Treasurer, and recommend that a Warrant be issued in his favour for One thousand Dollars, to be accounted for by the Committee.

It is impossible, at this moment, either to foresee or provide for all the contingencies or [27] details that may arise in the discharge of the duties devolved on your Committee, who will, from time to time, re-

port progress of their proceedings to the Common Council. They recommend that the following Resolution may be passed as authorizing their proceedings.

Resolved that the Committee of ways and means be empowered to adopt such measures for the support of the Seamen and labouring class of the community, thrown out of employment in consequence of the existing embargo, and of the indigent poor, by furnishing labour or means of subsistence, as in their judgment may appear most expedient; And that the said Committee keep a regular account of all expences incurred by them, in fulfilling their engagements, and report, weekly, progress of their proceedings to this Board.

John Bingham
Chairman.

July 11th. 1808.

Ordered that said Report be confirmed.

Rations to be delivered at the Alms House.

		Qts of Soup.	lbs Bread.	lbs. Beef.
Families.	of 1. person.....	1	1	¼
do	2. "	2	2.	1½
do	3. "	3.	3.	2¼
do	4. "	4.	4.	3
do	5 "	5.	5.	3¾
do	6 "	6.	6	4½
do	7 "	7.	7.	5¼
do	8 "	8.	8.	6

[28] Rations agreeably to these rates, will be issued on Monday, Wednesday, Friday. On Saturday, half a pound of pork and a pint of beans will be delivered in lieu of soup and Meat.

Applications to be received at the Alms House at any hour before 1 o'clock on said days.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Laws and Ordinances respectfully report

That among the Ordinances of the Common Council, of a general and permanent use, there are several in which no material alterations have been suggested, and which it is therefore thought may with propriety be re-ordained for the next three years.

The Committee learn that the last edition of the printed Laws is now expended. They therefore submit to the Board the propriety of ordering another Edition to be printed, comprising all the Corporation Laws of a general and permanent nature. It is presumed this may be done at little or no expense to the Board, as a printer might probably afford to allow the Corporation a considerable number of copies, for the priviledge of printing and selling the [29] rest of the edition for

his own account. Should this be done it would be convenient that all the Laws contained in the printed Volume should have nearly the same duration to the end, that while the Volume is at all in use, it may form a full collection of the Laws. With this view the Committee submit the propriety of reordaining several laws, some of which would not expire in a considerable time.

Among those laws of a general nature, in which no material alterations have been suggested, and which it is therefore submitted may be reordained, are those subjoined.

The remaining laws of a general nature are, for the most part, those which have been amended, from time to time, so that the whole present Law upon the subjects they relate to will be found scattered through successive Ordinances. In these cases, it was thought proper to digest the whole law upon each subject into one Ordinance, a work in which the Committee have been greatly aided by the care and accuracy of the City Inspector and by the use of his documents and papers. Of course, the Committee have lessened the number of Laws and omitted several titles which are in the last edition.

To prepare complete regular copies of all the Laws, so digested, would have required too much [30] time and labour to have been done in season. The Committee therefore present herewith two Volumes of Laws which contain all the clauses of the Laws now reported; but as those clauses are often scattered in different places, they have added to each title a sketch showing, by references, how the clauses will be read in order, so that the Laws can be recorded with entire accuracy.

All which is submitted.
Sam. M. Hopkins
Peter Mesier
John W. Mulligan

Jan^{y} 11th. 1808.

Whereupon the following Ordinances were severally read and passed.

A Law to prevent the firing of Guns and setting off squibs in the City of New York.

A Law for the better recovery of Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties incurred by breaches of the Laws of the Corporation.

A Law concerning Dogs.

A Law to regulate the sale and cartage of manure, sand and clay in the City of New York.

A Law to prevent nuisances and to provide for the public health in the city of New York.

A Law for the regulation of Partition fences and Walls.

[31] A Law to prevent the practice of Flying Kites in the City of New York.

A Law to regulate the Measure of Coals.

A Law in relation to Slaves in the City of New York.

A Law to prevent improper conduct on certain days.

A Law to prevent the ringing or tolling of Bells for Funerals in the City of New York.

A Law to regulate the admission of Freemen.

A Law for the appointment of a Superintendant of Streets, with *amendments.

A Law to regulate the Inspection, Sale and cartage of Lime.

A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public wharves, and in the Slips and to establish the rates of wharfage. with amendments.

A Law to regulate the Sale of Horses and to prevent their running loose in the Streets, and to prevent racing in the Streets or Highways. with amendments.

A Law to regulate Surveyors.

A Law to regulate the landing and Sale of Hay in the city of New York. with amendments.

A Law to regulate Sales at Auction, with amendments.

[32] A Law concerning Ferries. with amendments.

Agreeably to the Resolution of the Board the Treasurer reported the Amount of the Tax to be collected the current year.....		$129.630.66
Cash paid by the Several Collectors.....	$46.616.20	
Balle to be collected, subject to deduction of Coms & Insolvents	83.014.46	
		129.630.66

He further reported the sum of $2398.6 at present in the Treasury.

The Attorney reported in favour of the petition of †Joshua Carr and submitted the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Superintendant of the Alms House be and he is hereby authorized and requested to deliver or cause to be delivered the child, of which Joshua Carr is the reputed father, to the said Joshua Carr. provided the Superintendant of the Alms House shall be satisfied that proper care will be taken of the said child: the same to be liable to be reclaimed, in case it should be necessary or proper.

* Marginal note reads *for these Amendments See the Report of the Committee.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 434.*—ED.

And in that event, the reputed father and his sureties to be liable on their bond for the maintenance of the said child.

[33] The Attorney presented the following Report.

*The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of the Assessors named in an Ordinance for regulating Art Street, with the accompanying documents, has the honor to state

That in his opinion the Report is not in any point of view consistent with the appointment of the gentlemen who made it. They have it is presumed been sworn to discharge the duties of their situation, in pursuance of the Statute, by the authority of which they have been chosen. This Oath must have been "to make an estimate of the "expence of conforming to the Ordinance for regulating Art Street, "and a just and equitable assessment thereof among the owners or "occupants of all the houses and lots intended to be benefitted thereby, "in proportion as nearly as may be to the advantage which each may "be deemed to have acquired, fairly and impartially according to the "best of their skill and Judgment." Instead of which, they undertake, in their report, to judge of the propriety of the ordinance itself, and apparently forget the duty which they have undertaken to perform.

The right or the propriety, on the part of the assessors, of determining on any of the grounds [34] stated in their report, cannot be gathered from the expressions or the nature of the oath prescribed in the Act. The power to do this, it appears to the undersigned, is clearly and exclusively vested in the Common Council. Of course it must be presumed that as well the circumstances mentioned by the Assessors, as every other, relative to or connected with the measure itself, has been already considered and decided upon by the proper forum, and it remains for the Assessors to perform their duties, without reference to any considerations whatever which does not necessarily arise out of the nature of their appointment. Whether the proprietors have petitioned for the regulation, whether Bleecker Street was dug out for the same purpose, for which Art Street is intended, at the public expence, and whether this is to be a permanent measure or not, are points, certainly not comprehended in the Oath before recited, and with which therefore these Gentlemen have certainly, in strictness, nothing to do. It appears to the undersigned that the only question which this case presents, is, whether the Corporation will decide for themselves, or select others to decide for them, on subjects exclusively within their jurisdiction. The undersigned therefore submits to the consideration of the Common Council the following resolution.

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 405. 441.*—ED.

[35] Resolved that the Assessors named in an Ordinance for regulating Art Street be and they are hereby required, to proceed with all convenient dispatch in the discharge of their duties, and to make an estimate and Assessment of the expence of conforming to the said ordinance, in such manner as by Law they are directed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jan^{y} 11th. 1808. S. Cowdrey.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Attorney presented the following Report.

*The Undersigned to whom was referred the Ordinance for filling vacant Lots situate in Rynder Street, between Hester and Grand Street, and in Hester Street, between Broadway and Mulberry Street, and an accompanying communication from the Street Commissioner, has the honour to report,

That the Ordinance, in his opinion, is correctly drawn, and that for the reasons mentioned by the Street Commissioner, the mode adopted by him appears the preferable one. The only difficulty which occurs to the undersigned, and which relates merely to the rule of apportionment by the Assessors, is that which the reading of the preamble to the Ordinance presents. By that it appears that the regulation has been already in part complied [36] with. Of course some of the Individuals must have expended sums of money, for which they ought to have credit to the full amount. But the Ordinance, which in this respect follows the words of the Act of the Legislature, and no doubt ought to follow them precisely, directs, that an estimate of the whole expence, in respect to each lot, shall be made without reference to the improved situation of any particular lot. To this however, the Street Commissioner will undoubtedly attend, when the Lots come to be sold, as he can then give credit for such expenditures as may have respectively taken place.

All which is respectively submitted.

Jan. 11. 1808 S. Cowdrey

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Ordinance for filling the said vacant Lots was accordingly passed, and Clarkson Crolius Gabriel Furman Oliver Drake Peter Van Zandt and John A. Crolius were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following returns of delinquents, made by William Dustan Collector, viz^{t}

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 441.*—ED.

1. On the Assessment for regulating Sugar loaf Street, amounting to $227.31
2. On dº for regulating Van Dam Stᵗ..... 19.50
3. [37] On dº for White Street..... 470. 9¼

Ordered that warrants to enforce payment be issued in favour of William Dustan.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Sixth Street, amounting to..... $109.29

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of William Peters.

The Street Commissioner, in conformity with the report of the Committee of ways and means, presented the draft of an Ordinance to compel proprietors of sunken lots in the vicinity of the Collect to raise the same with pure and wholesome earth which was passed, and ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving and improving the Sewers on the east side of Broad street, which, before its confirmation, was directed to be advertized, in the papers employed by the Board, for the information of the parties concerned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner has the honour to present a deed from the Corporation [38] of Trinity Church to this Corporation for sundry Streets through their grounds between North Moore and Christopher Streets, comprising

1st Washington Street from Christopher Street Southerly to Hudson river.

2d Greenwich Street, from Brannon Street northerly to the extent of their lands.

3d Hudson Street, from North Moore Street to the Northerly side of Vestry Street 87. feet 6 inches in width.

4th Hudson Street, from the North side of Vestry Street, on both sides of Lispenards lands, as far as their land extends 65 feet in width.

5th Varick Street from North Moore Street to Vestry Street, 62½ feet in width.

6th Varick Street from Vestry Street on both sides of Lispenards grounds, as far as their land extends, 65 feet wide, reserving as much as shall be covered by the steps of the Portico in front of Sᵗ John's Church.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 83.*—Ed.

7th Beach Street, from Hudson Street to the eastern boundary of their land.

8th Laight Street, from Hudson Street to the eastern boundary of their land.

9th Vestry Street from Greenwich Street to the eastern boundary of their land.

[39] 10th Desbrosses Street, from Greenwich Street to Hudson Square.

11th Watts Street, from Greenwich Street to Hudson Square.

12th Van Dam
13th Charlton
14th King
15th Hammersley
16th Clarkson
17th Barrow
18th Morton

} Streets, each as far as their land extends from East to West.

19th Leroy Street from Hudson river to Hudson Street.

Also

Two Alleys each 25 feet in breadth, the one in the rear of St Johns Church yard, the other running from Beach to Laight Streets between Hudson and Greenwich Streets and reserving to themselves, during the several leases now in existence, the rents therefrom and the premises so leased and warranting only against themselves and such persons as may derive title under them, subsequent to the date of their said deed.

The Street Commissioner has been long soliciting this deed of cession, and is now happy to have it in his power to present it to the Board for their inspection and recommends that it be referred to the Committee appointed for the [40] revision of Laws for their opinion of its legal construction.

All which is submitted.

Jany 11th. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various nuisances from No 3922 to No 3933. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that the Street Commisisoner report to this Board, at the next meeting, whether Broome, Stanton and Attorney Streets have been dug out and regulated in pursuance to the Ordinances passed

for that purpose, and agreeably to the profiles made thereof, And if not, that he state the occasion of the delay, the extent or value of the deficiency, and where or what sums of money have been paid to the contractors and by whom the ballance, if any, is due them.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to accept, in behalf of this Board, drafts on him, payable in Ninety days, by John H. Sickles on account of the Building Committee for a sum not exceeding $7.526.80. to take up Warrants to that amount heretofore issued, which have not been paid by the Treasurer.

[41] Resolved that the Board proceed to the appointment of a Counsellor.

On examining the ballots, James Woods Esq was duly elected.

*Ordered that Mr Lemaire prepare Frames for the portraits of Governors Lewis and Tompkins and of the present Mayor.

On application Mr Ward was excused from serving on the Canal Committee, and Alderman Hopkins was appointed in his place.

John Targee, proposed by the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward, was appointed Fire Warden of said Ward, in the place of Mr Jasper Ward at present member of this Board.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 4.

John Downing, Flour Merchant, No 53. Catherine St vice Joseph Skelton, resigned.

John Sutphen, Whipmaker, 19. Maidenlane vice Levi Arnold, removed.

[42] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No 640.	Capt Nichs Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$237.16
641	" William Van Wart. do	.....	237.16
642	" William Peterson do	.....	217.56
643	" James Snow do	.....	217.56
644	" Thomas Darling do	.....	196.56
645	" Isaac Anderson do	.....	190.96
646	Edwd Meeks, blacksmith's work for Supt repairs	.....	30.54
647	Alexr McDougal do Markets	.....	74.66
648	do do Supt repairs	.....	133.50
649	Watson & Campbell, Timber for do	.....	7.62
650	Proprietor's of Daily Advertiser	.....	75.
651	Oliver Waldron, Superr of roads	.....	407.58
652	John McGowen, filling Collect.	.....	113.25
653	Thomas Anderson do	.....	10.

* Marginal note reads *See Warrant No 1020 P. 446.*—Ed.

N° 654	James Horner, repairs to Pumps & Wells	$81.31
655	Casparus Romaine, carting	12.
656	Samuel Day, work for Streets	12. 9
657	Samuel Kip, Wood for Bellevue	15.12
658	Mark McCamman, labour for Supt repairs	13.
659	John Graham, Carting for d°	2.37
660	John B. Dash, Ironmongery for d°	160.24
661	d° d° for Streets	10.58
662.	d° d° Engine Houses	76.25
663	d° d° Pumps & Wells	59.12
664	d° d° Markets	94.
665	d° d° Docks & Slips	21.45
666	d° d° Watchhouse	14.76
667	Abner Curtis, for Marshals attende on 9th inst. to prevent riots	33.
668	Thomas Williams, driver of public hearse	50.
669.	Edwd Meeks, blacksmith's work for Lamps	129.55
670.	John Bingham, on Acct of Come of way & means	1000.

[43] In Common Council, January 18th 1808

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor

Jacob Mott	Messrs Esquires Aldermen.	Simon Van Antwerp
Abraham King		Thomas J. Campbell
Thurston Wood		John Slidell
Samuel M. Hopkins		Abraham Bloodgood
John Bingham		Stephen Ludlam
Peter Mesier		Samuel Torbert
John D. Miller		Jasper Ward
		John W. Mulligan.

Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office, that Captain Anderson had suspended Daniel Smith for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A memorial of Colonel Aaron Ogden of Elizabeth town, applying for the removal of the Elizabeth town ferry at Whitehall Slip to Market- [44] field Street, with proposals for leasing the same, for ten years, at the rent of One hundred Dollars per year, the improvements to be valued and paid for at the expiration of the lease, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

An application of Colonel John Trumbull to be paid, on account, for the portraits executing by him, for the Corporation was read.

Warrant N° 690. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $600.

*Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 76.*—Ed.

A Petition of Stephen Van Rensselaer, by his Attorney Thomas Cooper, and Dominick Lynch for the regulation of *Orange Street, from Hester Street to the pavement near Cross Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner; who forthwith reported an Ordinance for the regulation of said Street, which was passed, and Richard Berrian William Tabele Anthony Steenbach John A. Crolius and Leonard Warner were appointed Assessors.

Petitions of Matthew Gibson and Thomas Skillman butchers for the grant of Stand N° 32 Hudson Market occupied by Henry Rosencrantz, who resigns the same, were referred to the Market Committee [45] who forthwith reported in favour of granting said Stall to Thomas Skillman, which was confirmed.

A Petition of Charles Gilman, occupant of Stand N° 28. Hudson Market, and of

William Gibson, occupant of stand N° 6. Duane Market, to interchange said stands, was granted.

A Communication from the †Humane Society, stating the deficiency of their Funds, and requesting the aid of the Corporation, was referred to Aldermen Mesier King and M^r Torbert.

Petitions of

Charles Buxton, to be appointed City Inspector and ‡Bernardus Ryder, to be appointed Measurer, were severally read and referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for extending Crosby Street, above Prince Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of several proprietors of Lots at Corlaers hook, praying that a new Ordinance may be passed, to compel such proprietors who have neglected to fulfil a former Ordinance to fill their lots between Water Street and Grand [46] Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner with instructions to report the names of the defaulters.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means

Report

That in the course of the last week, eighteen Seamen have signed the Article required of them, and have received orders to be admitted by Captain Chauncey at the Navy Yard Only one Sailor, however, it is understood, had gone over yesterday.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 274.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. Report P. 75.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 167.*—ED.

The following is the Statement of the rations which have been issued at the Alms House.

		Rations
On Monday.	11th inst.....	243
Wednesday.	13th "	641
Friday.	15th "	1018
Sunday.	17th "	1049
	Total.....	2951. Rations
estimated at 9. cents per ration.....		$265.59
There has been distributed during the same period, towards the relief of distressed families, in cash.....		89.29
Making an expenditure in the course of last week.....		$354.88

[47] The Soup house has been compleated and the Boilers will, in all probability, be adequate to the supply of rations, without interfering with the Alms House establishment unless the demand should increase beyond the calculations of the Committee.

The Committee flatter themselves that the arrangements they have made will be equal to the exigency of the times: and the Common Council may rest assured that every possible economy will be rigidly observed in the distribution of the public charity.

Should the Seamen, to any considerable number, avail themselves of the offer to be maintained at the Navy Yard, it may not be improper to request his Honour the Mayor to inform the Secretary of the Navy of the measures which have been adopted for the relief of the Sailors, and to suggest, that as the United States will derive the whole benefit of their labour, that it can be no more than reasonable to expect that the expense of their support will be defrayed by government: especially, as the Corporation will incur a very serious expense by providing for the wants of their own citizens.

From the inclemency of the season it has hitherto been impossible to provide any profitable labour, for the numerous applicants to be employed. Should the weather mitigate, it is proposed [48] to remove the earth in the vicinity, that may belong to the Corporation, into the Collect; which, together with taking out the mud from the Collect; will occupy a certain proportion of labourers, but to no great extent.

That no reasonable cause for complaint may, however, exist, the Committee give notice to every applicant to apply, in case they should want, to the Alms House for rations for themselves and families. And Mr McPherson is constantly employed in visiting those families

who are reported to be in distress and administering such supplies as their respective cases may require.

All which is submitted.

Jan^{y} 18th. 1808. John Bingham.
Chairman.

Whereupon the Mayor was requested to write to the Secretary of the Navy accordingly.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee of the Corporation appointed to confer with a Committee of the Manhattan Company on the subject of purchasing the Waterworks of the said Company

Report that in pursuance of their appointment they have conferred with a Committee of the Company, and find a proper disposition [49] on their part to promote the views of the Corporation, but that no alienation of the said water works can take place without the sanction of the Legislature.

It has been generally understood and believed, that the right of supplying this city with pure and wholesome water, ought to be vested in the Corporation, as the constituted guardians of its prosperity. Previous to the institution of the Manhattan Company, this measure was recommended to the Corporation by a respectable and enlightened Committee, and although it unfortunately failed, yet it has commanded the attention of subsequent Boards, and there has been no diversity of opinion on the general expediency of being invested with the exclusive power; altho' there may have been at different periods variances in sentiment with regard to the mode and extent of executing it, and altho' obstacles from various sources have hitherto interfered to prevent the accomplishment of this desireable object, when your Committee consider the importance of this power, in supplying the citizens with good water for domestic purposes, in guarding against the ravages of fire and disease, in purifying the Streets, and in accommodating the public buildings, they can not but earnestly recommend to the Corporation, the most prompt and efficient measures for obtaining it.

[50] In 1804, the year after the prevalence of Yellow fever, the attention of the Corporation was pointedly drawn to this subject, with a view of preserving the public health, and it was at that period generally conceded that the Island of New York did not yield a supply sufficiently commensurate with the public exigencies, but that recourse

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 445. Vol. 18. 177.*—Ed.

must be had to the river Bronx or the Sawmill river in the county of Westchester, and that the water works of the Manhattan Company, and their right of supplying the city with water, ought to be procured in order to aid and promote this great project. The best mode of proceeding at present in the opinion of your Committee is, by an application to the Legislature for permission to purchase all the rights of the Manhattan Company in this respect and for power to pass all necessary Ordinances to protect and guard the rights vested in the Corporation in consequence of such purpose.

The question, as to a suitable compensation to the Company will be open for future treaty and adjustment, and if they are unreasonable in their demands, the Corporation will not be bound to accede to them.

Your Committee therefore upon a full view of the subject submit the following resolution.

Resolved that an application be made [51] to the Legislature for leave to purchase from the Manhattan Company, their water works, real estate appurtenant thereto, and also their right to supply this city with pure and wholesome water; and if such purchase shall be made, to pass all necessary ordinances for regulating the said works, and guarding the rights and interests of this Corporation in relation thereto; and that the Clerk and Attorney of this Board prepare and present at the next meeting a form of such application.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Abraham King
Ab^{m} Bloodgood
Simon Van Antwerp

Jan^{y} 18th 1808.

Ordered that the consideration of the preceding Report be postponed until the next meeting.

*Resolved that the Committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting the purchase of the Manhattan water works do examine and report to this Board at their next meeting, whether the said water works produce any and what annual revenue or any and what annual loss.

The following Report was presented.

†The Committee of the Corporation appointed to confer with a Committee of the Free School

[52] Report that they have conferred with the said Committee, and are of opinion that an arrangement may be made on this subject highly beneficial to the public in various respects.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 79.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 431.*—ED.

That the present buildings occupied by the State as an Arsenal is illy adapted for that purpose, not being sufficiently extensive to accomodate the Artillery and military implements belonging to the State.

That it is therefore expedient to assign to the State other lands for that purpose either in or as the State shall elect: and that in such case the present building shall revert to the Corporation.

That if the State shall assent to this arrangement, it will be expedient to grant the new building and suitable adjacent ground to the Trustees of the Free School, to be occupied as long as they use the same for the purposes of their Institution; and on the express condition that the said Trustees shall educate the children of the Alms House gratuitously.

The Committee can confidently recommend this plan. It will accommodate the State in a more public and spacious Arsenal. It will accommodate the Corporation in the education [53] of their poor children. It will accommodate the Trustees of the Free School with a convenient place for education; and it will redound to the honour of the Corporation and the general good of the Community, in the means it will afford for the diffusion of the blessings of knowledge among the necessitous: an object of the first importance, and which has hitherto been neglected in this city, particularly as it respects the poor children under the care of the Corporation.

Jacob Mott
Jnº D. Miller
Jasper Ward.

Janʸ 18th. 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the same Committee report a proper site for an Arsenal, together with a map of the premises.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee on the Laws and Ordinances have the honour to report that they are not yet ready to report on the Laws not reordained, and recommend to the Common Council that those mentioned in the Report of the Committee on Monday last, as still lying for consideration, and which have expired or may expire before the next meeting of this Board, be for the present reordained.

Sam. M. Hopkins
Peter Mesier
John W. Mulligan.

Janʸ 18. 1808

[54] Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Law for regulating Surveyors, and for regulating the weighing and sale of Hay, be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances for reconsideration.

Resolved that a new Edition of the Ordinances of this Board be printed under the direction of a Committee: that they be authorized to advertise for the printing thereof on the best terms they can procure the same to be done, and if possible, upon the principle of giving the copy to the printer who may agree to give the Board therefor the greatest number of copies printed according to a given sample.

Alderman Miller
Mr Ward
and
Mr Bloodgood
} were appointed the Committee.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dirck Amerman, praying the grant of a new lease for the ferry from Catherine Slip to Brooklyne.

Report

That they are of opinion that if the time of leasing the Ferry should be altered from the 1st of May to the 1st of February beneficial conveniencies would result therefrom, as that is the usual time of renting dwelling houses [55] it would doubtless be a great accommodation to those that may wish to lease that or any other ferry to know whether he is to have it or not before he takes a house for the ensuing year, and likewise to every applicant, in case they should not be successful in their application, as in that case under the present regulation they would very probably have on hand a house that would be very inconvenient for whatever other occupations they should think proper to employ themselves in.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the said Ferry, with the privileges thereunto appertaining be leased to the said Dirk Amerman for the term of two years and nine months to commence on the first day of May next on the same terms, conditions and reservations as he the said Dirk Amerman holds the said ferry of the Corporation at the present time except as to the term as above stated, Reserving to the said Corporation and their successors the right if they shall, at any time during the terms of said lease, think it adviseable to establish a ferry at or near the foot of Walnut Street, across

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 23.*—Ed.

the east river, to or near the Wallabout on Long island with the privileges usually attached to other ferries.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jacob Mott
Jan^{y} 18th. 1808. Simon Van Antwerp
Step^{n} Ludlam.

[56] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Building Committee report

That they have reduced the daily pay of the Journeymen Stone cutters at work at the New City Hall, from 125 cents to One Dollar, and have now Twenty five Journeymen employed in that business for the same sum, that they before paid Twenty.

During the present exigency, the Committee are of opinion, that the interests of the City would be promoted by employing an additional number of Journeymen Stone cutters at this reduced price. The workshops where they are employed can conveniently accommodate a larger number, and are made very comfortable by the means of stoves, and the Superintendants of the Building assure us, that they can do as great a days work as in the summer season. Should the Board sanction this measure, the Committee will only employ such additional Journeymen who have families, and from the present scarcity of employment, would become pensioners on the bounty of the Corporation. Thus a twofold good would result, the employment of our citizens who are in distress, and their labour obtained at a reduction of 20 per cent [57] from the usual rate of wages.

Jacob Mott
Jan^{y} 18th 1808 Abraham King
Jn^{o} Slidell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving part of Rivington Street, between the Bowery and Norfolk Street, amounting to $343.60.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of William Dustan to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner reported that, agreeably to the order of the Board, he had advertised the Assessment for repaving Broad Street, which he again presented, having received no objections against it from the parties interested.

A Communication from John Delafield and Samuel Lockman was read, complaining against the insufficiency and unworkmanlike execution of said repavement.

Whereupon Ordered, that the Assessment be confirmed, and that William Dustan be appointed Collector: But that the Street Commissioner retain in his hands 15 P^{r} C^{t} of the amount, until the Alderman and Assistant of the First ward report their approbation of the work.

[58] *The Street Commissioner presented the following Award and his remarks thereon.

The Corporation of the City of New York on the one part, and Rufus King and John Lawrence of the other part, having submitted to the Subscribers William Denning and Henry J. Wyckoff to make a division and adjustment between them of certain Lots of ground in the said city, bounded in Front by Elm Street, and owned by them in certain proportions as specified on a Map of the said ground made by Robert Bridges one of the City Surveyors. Now we the said William Denning and Henry J. Wyckoff having previously examined the said ground, do hereby determine that the Lots marked on the Map by Numbers, One, three, and five, be the separate property of the said Corporation, and the Lots marked on the said Map by Numbers two, four and six be the separate property of Rufus King and John Lawrence, each of the said Lot being Twenty five feet in width in Front and rear and Ninety feet in length on each side. Also, we do further determine, that the said Corporation pay to the said Rufus King and John Lawrence the sum of One Thousand three hundred and Forty Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, payable on Demand.

New York
23^{d} Dec^{r} 1807

W^{m} Denning
Henry J. Wyckoff

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 406. 465.*—Ed.

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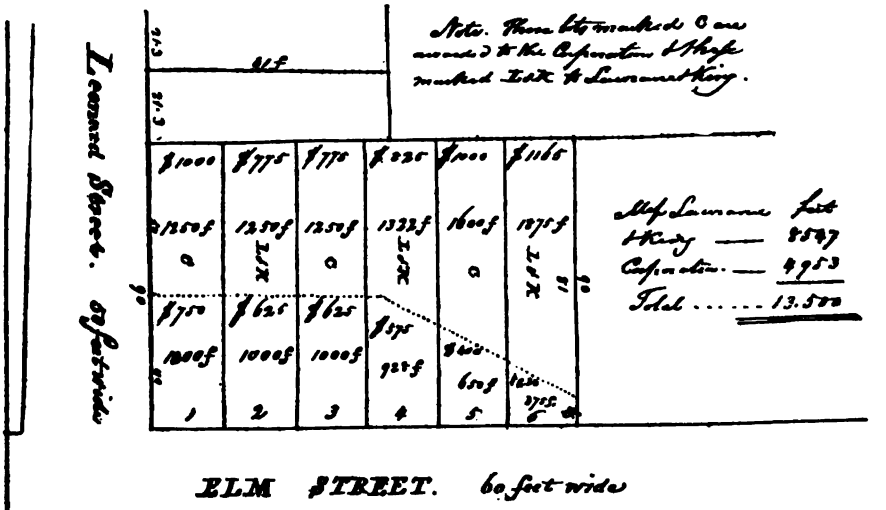
Note. Those lots marked C are awarded to the Corporation & those marked L & K to Lawrence & King.
Leonard Street. 60 feet wide
ELM STREET. 60 feet wide
Mess Lawrence & King — 8547
Corporation — 4953
Total 13.500

The Street Commissioner has the honor to cover the Award of the Arbitrators appointed by the Corporation and Messrs Lawrence and King to divide in an equitable manner the property at the corner of Elm and Leonard Streets and to make such exchange as might be just and right; by which it appears that the Corporation are to pay Messrs Lawrence and King $1340 for the difference between their former ground and that now assigned to them by the award.

The Street Commissioner conceives it to be his indispensable duty to guard the interests of the Corporation in all matters submitted to his discretion, and to present to them such remarks thereon as may suggest themselves as necessary for their information when deliberating upon the subjects. Impressed with this duty the Street Commissioner cannot refrain from communicating to the Board his disappro- [60] bation of the decision of the Arbitrators above mentioned: and he begs leave to offer the following statement of the circumstances in support of that opinion.

The Corporation, in order to increase the value of their property on Elm Street, originally laid out but Forty feet wide, agreed to cut off ten feet from their grounds on each side and make the Street Sixty feet in width. They also gave up Ten feet in width along the south side of their grounds at the corner of Elm street to make Leonard Street of the width of Fifty feet:

although Messrs Lawrence and King, at the same time, were paid exclusive of the assessment, One thousand Dollars for a slip of Ten feet required of them for the same purpose, and adjoining the ground of the Corporation, and above Three hundred and forty Dollars of that sum was paid by the Corporation, and the residue by Mr Clarke who owned the opposite ground.

The Corporation, further to improve their property there, regulated the whole of Elm Street at their expence: having previously regulated the whole of Leonard Street, Three hundred and fifty feet along the property of Messrs Lawrence and King, through massy hills, without any expence to them.

Notwithstanding these sacrifices on the part [61] of the Corporation, to enhance the value of their property, the Arbitrators have apportioned the lots they were to exchange, according to their several Areas, by a nominal value, without regard to their situation with respect to the Streets: and have actually valued front and corner lots belonging to the Corporation at no greater sum than other grounds belonging to Messrs Lawrence and King in the rear of those lots and to which there is no communication from the Streets.

The Street Commissioner is persuaded the Common Council, upon a slight inspection of the Map of the property, herewith presented, will see the impropriety of agreeing to the arrangement proposed by the Arbitrators; but he will do these Gentlemen the justice to state, that he has reason to believe they have been led to make this decision from misunderstanding the subject and the principles upon which they were to act. For it is evident that a front upon a Street is worth considerably more than the same area of ground in the rear of it. And such has been the invariable practice and opinion of other Arbitrations. The Street Commissioner will only recite one recent instance, where the Corporation, in exchanging ground with General Bailey at Pottersfield, have been obliged to give at the rate of two square feet on Albany Avenue, an intended Street of Sixty feet, for one foot on the Bowery road, and the [62] only reason assigned was, that the one was accessible and the other not.

The Street Commissioner is sincerely of opinion the property of the Corporation to be exchanged, as proposed, is worth at least as much as that included in the award to be taken from Messrs Lawrence and King; and he therefore recommends that the award be disagreed to for the reasons above stated, or that a Committee be ap-

pointed to investigate the merits of it with directions to report their opinion before it is approved.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jan^{y} 18th. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred back to the Arbitrators for further consideration.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner has the honor to state to the Board, that warrants sometime since issued in favour of the following persons proprietors or Lessees of ground in Canal Street for the amount of the awards in their favour, deducting the sums they were assessed. That as the assessment has been annulled, it is reasonable and just they should be paid the sums so assessed; and therefore recommends that Warrants be directed in favour of

[63] James Halliday for.....	$28.
Thomas McConnaghey	35
John Gilman	67
Sears, assignee of Augustus Lawrence..	25
Making a sum of.....	$155 due to them upon their awards.

It may be necessary to observe that these persons never had any bonds from the Corporation.

Which is submitted.

Jan^{y} 18th. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a warrant be issued in favour of the Street Commissioner to pay the said awards.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting nuisances from N^{o} 3934 to 3951. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

A report of the Comptroller on the subject of renewing the leases of Ferries which expire on the 1st of May next, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Comptroller reported the sum of $3900. in the Treasury.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 691 — Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Comptroller for $3000. to discharge [64] the interest on the Bonds due by this Corporation to the Manhattan Company.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 689. — Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esq^{r} on account of the Committee of ways and means, for $1000.

A Recommendation of the Firewardens of the Sixth Ward to

appoint William Bolmer Firewarden for said Ward, in the place of Richard L. Mott removed, was ordered to lie for consideration.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine into the System of the conduct and management of the Alms House, and to report such improvements, as, in their judgment, may appear more beneficial.*

Alderman Drake
Mr Bloodgood
Alderman Mott
Bingham
and
Mr Van Antwerp
} were appointed the Committee.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with George Janeway respecting an exchange of property in Magazine Street and to report a description of the Buildings to be erected on the Corporation property in said Street, and also to fix the prices or yearly rents of the Lots to be leased.

[65] The Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward were appointed the Committee.

Resolved that each and every Lessee or keeper of the different ferries across the east and North rivers be directed to have the first section of the Law, concerning the regulation of Ferries, put up in some conspicuous place in the house occupied by them as a ferry house on each side of the river, and that they keep the same so put up during the term of their several leases, respectively, under the penalty of Five Dollars for each and every neglect or offence.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire what alteration is necessary in the law for the Assessment and collection of taxes, to enable the Corporation to levy and collect taxes on vacant lots, where the owners are unknown or where the property is undivided. Also to enquire if any, and if any, what alteration is necessary in the Law authorizing the Corporation to regulate Streets and vacant lots where the owners are unknown or where the property is undivided, to enable the Corporation to compel the owners, speedily, to reimburse the expences incurred by such regulation.†

The Committee on the revision of the Laws and Ordinances were appointed the Committee.

[66] ‡Resolved that William J. Waldron, formerly Deputy Street Commissioner, be hereby reappointed to his former office; And also

* Marginal note reads *See. Report P. 165.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 197.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 404.*—Ed.

to assist in collecting the revenue of this Corporation at the rate of Two Dollars per diem.

Mr Bloodgood presented the following Resolutions, to lie for consideration at the next meeting.

Resolved that John Pintard, now City Inspector and Clerk to the Common Council, be dismissed from the several Offices holden by him, and he is hereby dismissed.*

Resolved that Jacob Morton, now Comptroller, be dismissed from that Office, and he is hereby dismissed.†

Resolved that Richard Furman, now Superintendant of the Alms House, be dismissed from that Office and he is hereby dismissed.‡

The following appointment of a Fireman was made, the Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

No 27.

Stephen Lownsbury, Carpenter, Hudson Street vice Martin P. Powles: resigned.

[67] Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 671	John Mackay, for painting & glazing	$457.85
672	McDonald & Burt, work to Pumps	177.38
673	Samuel B. Waldron, repairs to Roads	109.17
674	Daniel Davis, work to Pumps	57.12
675	Peter Burtsell, for Maps, and Stationary for City Inspector & Clerks office	150.70
676	do Stationary for Comptroller's do	21.76
677	do do Street Commrs do	13.
678	Watson & Campbell, Shingles for Bridewell	70.
679	do Materials for Oswego market	30.28
680	do do Goal	3.21
681	John Meghan, for paving Roosevelt Street	31.50
682	John S. Hunn, to pay for paving intersections	25.62½
683	Buchan & Clark, timber for Rynder Street	4.53
684	Jacob Dela Montagnie, Sp. Justice of Police, salary	250.
685	Joshua Barker do do	250.
686	Bernard Oblenis Clerk to do do	250.
687	Jacob Morton, Comptrollers do	250.
688	James Lyons, expences of Inspector of Charter election for 6th. Ward	15.
689	John Bingham, Treasr of Commte of ways and means	1000.
690	John Trumbull, on acct of Portraits	600.
691	Jacob Morton, Comptroller, to discharge int. on bonds to Manhattan Company	3000.
692	John S. Hunn, to pay ballance of awards on Canal Street.	155.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 153. 174.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 152.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 154.*—Ed.

[68] *The Comptroller presented Deeds for the following water grants. viz[t]

To Peter Ogilvie for a water lot at Corlaers Hook. of this date—
Cary Ludlow, for d° d° d°
John M[c]Kesson d° d° d°
John Jacob Astor d° d° d°

Ordered that the same be executed under the Seal of this Corporation.

[69] In Common Council. Jan[y] 25th. 1808

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire, Mayor.
Maturine Livingston, Esquire, Recorder.

	Mess[rs]	Samuel Torbert	
Jacob Mott		Samuel Kip	
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp	
Abraham King	Esquires	Stephen Ludlam	
Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Slidell	Assistants.
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
Thurston Wood		John W. Mulligan	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Abraham Bloodgood	
		Thomas J. Campbell	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from Captain Anderson that John Taylor, of his Company had resigned and recommending James Kirk a substitute to be appointed in his place, also recommending that William Slater and John Russel be placed at Duane Market [70] and also recommending that John Keyser Joseph Taylor James Kent Thomas Heckle Charles Roe William Johnson Ebenezer Nicholson and George Fash Watchmen be appointed for the Patrole at Greenwich Village, was referred to the Watch Committee.

†A Representation from Cap[ts] Anderson and Darling stating the insufficiency of the present Watch House of the 3[d] District and pointing out two other situations that can be obtained in Barley Street and near S[t] John's Church was referred to the same Committee.

A Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Third Watch District, respecting the contemplated removal of the Watch House in said District was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Josiah Brown, Lessee of Flymarket Ferry to renew his lease on the conditions he now holds it, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. 353.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P 92.*—ED.

A Petition of Burdett Stryker to lease the same Ferry, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Davis Hunt to lease Whitehall Ferry, and of *John Holdron to renew the lease of Powlas Hook Ferry, were referred to the same Committee.

[71] Petitions of George Fash and George M. Pattin Butchers to interchange Stands N° 8 and N° 12 in Hudson Market, and of

William Kline, for the grant of Stand N° 6. Flymarket, were referred to the Market Committee.

†Petitions of Robert Carnley, for a water grant in front of his property adjoining Adam and Noah Brown, above Corlaers Hook, and of

‡Thomas Smith, for a water grant fronting his property in Lewis Street, were referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Thomas W. Commeran praying for an extension of time, to Four months, for payment of the Assessment on his lots for regulating Cherry Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Mr Ludlam. and the Warrant in the hands of the Collector to enforce payment was ordered to be suspended.

A Petition of Catharine Smyth, praying for compensation of damages sustained by the throng of persons attracted, through curiosity, to view two dead bodies brought to her house on the 14th inst. in a quarter cask, from on board a Philadelphia packet, [72] was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the upper part of Broadway for additional Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

||Petitions of Thomas Palmer for payment of a ballance of $283. due him for regulating Mulberry Street,

§of Anne Culbert, widow, for a ballance due her late husband Hugh Culbert, for regulating the same Street, and of

¶Abner Conklin, Administrator, for a ballance due the estate of Joseph Kelly deceased for regulating Broome Street, were referred to Alderman Hopkins Messrs Ludlam and Torbert.

A Petition of Abraham E. Brouwer to be appointed Superintendant of the Alms House was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

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*Marginal note reads *See Report P 95.*—Ed. †Marginal note reads *See Report P 123.*—Ed. ‡Marginal note reads *See Report P 123.*—Ed. ||Marginal note reads *See Report P. 99.*—Ed. §Marginal note reads *See Report P. 100.*—Ed. ¶Marginal note reads *See Report P. 98.*—Ed.

*A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 28. for an augmentation of two additional Members was referred to the Fire Department.

A Communication from W. L. Rose Esq^r stating that a person has set up a claim, as heir at law, to the whole of the property in upper [73] Chamber and Read Streets, and that an Action of ejectment has been brought to determine the right; and submitting the propriety of a representative being appointed, on the part of the Corporation, to attend a meeting of the proprietors interested, to be held next Thursday, was referred to the Attorney of the Board with power to attend, in case he may judge it expedient.

The following Report was presented

The Committee of ways and means

Report

That in the course of the last week, the following rations have been issued at the Alms House, to persons out of employment and in indigent circumstances, Viz^t

On Monday	18th inst.....	1288	
Wednesy	20th "	2077	
Friday	22d "	2449	
Saturday.	23d "	2185	
Sunday.	24th "	416	
	Total.....	8345. Rations	
	@ 9 cents per ration.....		751. 5
There has been distributed in the same period, towards the relief of distressed families, in cash.....			115.21
			$866.26

Labour.

There have been employed at the Collect, during the same period, 59 Labourers, [74] whose wages with the superintendants, amount to about.....	$105.27	
Contracts have been made by the Street Commissioner with 75 Carmen to deliver earth at the Collect at the rate of 5. cents per load, whose wages may am^t to.....	394.73	
		500.

Seamen.

41. Seamen have received orders of admission at the Navy Yard, of which number only 14. it is understood, have gone over, the expense of whose maintenance may amount to about.....	19.60
Making a total expenditure in the course of the last week, about...	$1406.26

The Committee observe that this estimate is not submitted as perfectly correct, but as nearly so, as it has been in their power to make.

* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 130.*—Ed.

The Committee further remark, that they will employ as many Labourers as can possibly work to advantage. They have endeavoured to discriminate, in the distribution they have made, by giving the preference to those who have families. The future expense on this head, will not, probably be much increased. The demand for rations at the Alms House has gradually increased, nor is it easy to foresee where it may cease. The public bounty has hitherto been extended, without discrimination, to every applicant. Impositions must un- [75] doubtedly be practised. Should they grow to any serious extent, measures will be adopted to check them.

The Committee apply for the further sum of Two Thousand Dollars to meet their engagements.

Which is submitted.

Jan^{y} 25th. 1808. Jacob Mott
Ja^{s} Drake.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 706. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham, on account of the Committee of ways and means for $2000.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Reverend John Rodgers President of the Humane Society. Report

That in their opinion sound Policy advises the retaining the controul of all funds which can be appropriated by the Corporation to charitable purposes: That the numerous and pressing claims for relief renders it impracticable at present to afford assistance in the way required: But that the Humane Society well merits the support and patronage of the Citizens of New York.

Peter Mesier
Jan^{y} 25th. Abraham King
Samuel Torbert.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a copy of the Report be sent to the President of the Humane Society.

[76] The following Report was presented.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Aaron Ogden of Elizabeth Town in New Jersey,

Report,

That it appears to your Committee, that the Memorialist is a Proprietor of a large ferry establishment at Elizabeth Town point, and of a number of Ferry boats which constantly ply between that place

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 45.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 43.*—Ed.

and the city of New York, transporting Horses, Carriages, Cattle and huckstery.

That this is an important and growing intercourse as is set forth in the said Memorial.

That the only present place of resort for these boats, is the Whitehall basin, which on account of the crowd of Vessels there, has become a very inconvenient and, sometimes, almost a useless place for the unlading and landing passengers, horses, cattle &c[a] from the said boats.

That the situation at the end of Marketfield Street as contemplated by the memorialist, is very bleak, the water shallow and the bottom rocky, so as to render it altogether useless, as an harbor, without very considerable expense, and it does not appear in its present situation to be of any material benefit to the Commerce or business of this city.

That it is for the consideration of the Memorialist, whether he will, under these disadvantages, [77] be disposed to incur the risque of making the same, at his own expense, a safe and secure harbour.

That if such should be the case, a greater facility will be given to the intercourse between this and a growing country, fast improving to a great extent, by turnpike roads leading to Elizabeth Town point, the present revenue of this Corporation will be advanced, and there will be a prospect of improvement to a greater degree in future, by the rents resulting from the establishment, and encouragement will be given to enterprize in new improvements.

Your Committee therefore submit, that whether, in consideration of the premises, it may not be proper to grant the prayer of the Memorialist, so far as to give him a lease for nine years and Nine months, commencing on the First day of May next, at the reserved rent of One Hundred Dollars per year, for all the right of the Corporation to the wharves and Docks at the end of Marketfield Street facing westward and Southward, with liberty to erect stairs, Cranes and other necessary accommodations, and the free use of the said Slip, subject, however, to the controul of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, and a sooner determination, if this Corporation should, in the mean time, find it expedient to fill up the Slip there for any public purpose whatever.

Jacob Mott.
Jan[y] 25th. 1808. Simon Van Antwerp
Step[a] Ludlam.

[78] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Jonathan Lawrence

Report that they have examined the Memorial and investigated the circumstances respecting the same, and are of opinion that Mr Lawrence has some cause of complaint.

But as the Street had been assessed and the Assessors report confirmed by this Board, before the Memorial of said Lawrence was presented, we cannot afford any relief.

Jany 25th 1808.

Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented

†The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Spingler

Report that the facts set forth in the petition they believe to be true, and they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted, provided said deed is drawn and executed in a sufficient manner.

Jany 25th. 1808.

Thurston Wood
Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and [79] that the Deed be referred to the Attorney of the Board, to report his approbation.

The following Report was presented.

‡The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Hazen report

That in their opinion it will be equitable and just for the Corporation to confirm the ||report of the former Committee on this subject and recommend that the Comptroller be directed to make out the said Lease as stated in the aforesaid Report, on his ascertaining that the line of division, as there stated, is the correct line between the two houses and on James Nesbitt giving a certificate that he will comply with the terms contained in the said report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jany 25th. 1808.

Jas Drake
Stepn Ludlam
Ab. Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 434.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 3. & Report of Attorney P. 168.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 401.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 346.8.*—Ed.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the revenue and expenditure of the water works belonging to the Manhattan Company

Report

That it appears from the Books of the Manhattan Company the Capital [80] Stock expended, including real estate, (first Cost,) is		$23.466.47
Reservoir, laying pipes &c^{a} &c^{a}		148.794.72
		$172.261.19
Revenue of the water works arising from water supplied 2316 Houses, Fountains, and water for buildings, for one year commencing the 1st May 1807 to 1st May 1808. is	$18.561	
Deduct expences, raising water Salaries and all contingent expences for one year	8.500	
		$10.061.

leaving a surplus of Ten thousand and Sixty One Dollars, being the net revenue for one year, equal to 6¾ per cent on the Capital expended.

It may not be improper to remark that the real estate belonging to the Waterworks have, in the opinion of the Committee, increased in value, since the term of purchase nearly 100. ℔ c^{t} and that the revenue has on an average for the last three years increased 10 ℔^{r} c^{t} per annum.

Your Committee therefore considering the importance of this valuable establishment, and the necessity of its being in the hands of the Corporation of this City, at some future period, whereby they may secure the right of obtaining possession of an establishment that never ought [81] to be in the hands of any private company. Should this opportunity now be lost, perhaps it will never be in the power of the Corporation of this City to obtain it hereafter.

All which is respectfully submitted

Jan^{y} 25th. 1808.

Abraham King
Simon Van Antwerp
Ab^{m} Bloodgood.

†Whereupon the Report, presented by the same Committee at the last meeting, was called up, and on motion to pass the Resolution therein recommended,

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 51.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *P. 48.*—Ed.

Mr Mulligan offered the following as an Amendment,

Resolved that an application be made to the Legislature requesting them to vest in this Board the right of supplying the City of New York with good and wholesome water, with all such privileges as may be necessary to carry the same into effect, Provided the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company shall not effect the same within the time limited by their Act of Incorporation.

Which, a division being called, passed in the Negative as follows.

Affirmative.		Negative.	
Alderman Mesier		Alderman Mott	Messrs Torbert
Fish		Drake	Kip
Hopkins		King	Van Antwerp
[82] Messrs Slidell		Wood	Ludlam
Mulligan	5		Ward
			Bloodgood
			Campbell 11

The Question was then taken on the original Resolution;

Which, a division being called, passed in the negative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative.	
Alderman Mott		Alderman Drake	
King		Mesier	
Wood		Fish	
Messrs Torbert		Hopkins	
Van Antwerp		Messrs Kip	
Ward		Ludlam	
Bloodgood		Slidell	
Campbell	8	Mulligan	8

[83] The Board being equally divided the Mayor gave his casting vote in the Negative.

Mr Bloodgood gave notice that he should move for a reconsideration of the subject at the next meeting.

The following Report was presented.

*The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner with the release from the Corporation of Trinity Church of the grounds therein described, has the honor to report:

That although the Release varies from common form, in the clause of warranty, which does not extend generally to all the acts of the grantors, but only to those which may take place after the date of their deed: the Common Council, reposing in their good faith, may receive it without hazard. The undersigned takes it for granted, that

*Marginal note reads *See. P. 37.*—Ed.

the Street Commissioner has examined the boundaries and finds them accurate.

All which is submitted.

Jan^{y} 25th. 1808. S. Cowdrey.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented returns made by Simon Ackerman Collector, of Delinquents on the Assessments for Ridge Street and Burling Slip.

[84] Ordered that warrants to enforce payment be issued in the name of William Dustan.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Art Street, which was confirmed, and Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting nuisances from N^{o} 3952 to N^{o} 3974. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Comptroller reported the sum of $4170.89 in the Treasury.

*It appearing to this Board that Abraham Stagg and Gershom Anson have entered into a contract under date of the 14th of February 1807. with the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City, to dig out and regulate Ridge Street from Delancey to Stanton Street, agreeble to the profile thereof, on or before the first day of June next ensuing, and that the same has not yet been done, thereupon,

Resolved that the Street Commissioner report to this Board the occasion of the delay, that suitable measures may be taken in relation to the same.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Ferries to examine and report whether and how far the Ferries of this city may be improved by [85] establishing rival Ferries or establishments near each other at the several passages where ferries now exist, taking proper measures to prevent combinations among the Lessees, and to report further on any other improvements that may be made in the Ferries.

And further Resolved, that the same Committee report, whether the Corporation have the right to establish a Ferry from Great Barn island to Long island.

Leonard Seaman was appointed Firewarden for the Sixth Ward, in the place of Richard L. Mott removed out of the Ward.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 362.*—Ed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 13.

Joseph Marshall, 2d Ward Coppersmith. vice Harris Sage resigned.
Basil J. Bartow. 3d d° Grocer. v. James Ronalds. d°

N° 19.

Edmund Fisher, vice Smith Hicks..... d°
Charles Smith. v. Oliver Hicks..... d°

N° 23.

Alexander Nelson, house carpenter. vice John Ferguson. d°
Walter Hide d° v. William Day.... d°

[86] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 693.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City watch.....		$265.16
694	" William Van Wart	d°	265.16
695	" William Peterson	d°	256.76
696	" James Snow	d°	256.76
697	" James Darling	d°	237.16
698	" Isaac Anderson	d°	237.16
699	Jacob Morton, to pay services of a Collector of the Corporation revenue		204.
700	James Horner, for work to Pumps.....		70.18
701.	(An Error)		
702	Elizabeth Archer, Administratrix of Moses Archer 1 qr interest, on Bond, last instalment.....		14.76
703	Samuel Heagan, Cartage for Supt of repairs.....		3.
704	Thomas Morris, registering deeds of cession to the United States		9.
705	Tunis Wortman d° mortgage to Corporation.....		2.
706	John Bingham Treasr of Commee of ways & means.....		2000.

[87] In Common Council. Feby 1st 1808

Present. Marinus Willett, Esquire. Mayor.

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Thomas J. Campbell	Assistants
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Peter Mesier		John Slidell	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Abraham Bloodgood	
Nicholas Fish		John W. Mulligan	
Abraham King		Jasper Ward	
John D. Miller.		Stephen Ludlam.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
A Memorial of R. Ritter and others on the subject of lighting,

at the public charge and at such times as the public Lamps are usually lighted, Lamps erected and kept in repair by private Citizens, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

[88] *A Petition of the proprietors and inhabitants for regulating Provost Street, between Hudson and Church Streets, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of several Journeymen Ship Carpenters in this city, out of employment in consequence of the existing Embargo, was referred to the Committee of ways and means.

A Memorial of the Society for the relief of poor widows with small children, praying to be exonerated from an Assessment on two Lots in Stanton Street, presented to them by Mrs Montgomery, for regulating said Street, was referred to Alderman Mesier, Messrs Torbert and Ward.

The following Proposals for leasing the Ferry from Flymarket to Brooklyne were referred to the Ferry Committee, Vizt

Henry Dawson and Selah Smith for the term of three Years at $2750. per. an. Robert Black at $3000. per. an. William Furman, Joel Bunce and Benjamin Birdsall to lease generally.

[89] A Petition of the inhabitants in Spring Street, between Sullivan and Thompson Streets, to fill certain sunken lots in their neighbourhood, was referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Allen Taylor to be appointed Measurer,

and a recommendation in favour of James Mitchill, to be appointed Superintendant of the Alms House, were referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

†A Petition of John Swaine, for a grant of Stand No 7. in Duane Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

An Application of Nicholas Welsh for payment for two Fire Buckets lost at the late Fire in Harman Street, duly certified, was presented.

Warrt No 717. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $4.

‡A Petition of George M. Woolsey for a water grant in front of his property along Hudson river, in the First ward, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Matthias Gallalee, Assignee of the estate of James

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 254.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 187.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 142.*—Ed.

Horner, claiming a Ballance of $328 stated to be due said Horner for repairs of Pumps and Wells in 1805. was referred to the Finance Committee.

[90] The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Ways and Means

Report

That in the course of the last week no additional Seamen have been sent to the Navy Yard, where it is understood not more than eight or ten of those who have received orders for admission have remained.

Rations.

The following is the statement of the Rations which have been issued at the Alms House.

Monday.	25th	Jan.....	2457
Tuesday.	26th	"	1052
Wednesy	27th	"	3154
Thursday	28th	"	492
Friday	29th	"	3765
Saturday.	30th	"	4117

Total.....	15.037.	@ 9. cents	$1353.33
There has been administered in the same period towards the relief of distressed families, in cash.....			70.
Making an expenditure in the course of the week of.....			$1423.33

Labour.

A Number of Carmen are regularly employed to deliver earth by Contract at the Collect, and the Wheelbarrow men employed to take the Mud out of the Collect, are the same as last reported. [91] Their number will be gradually diminished as circumstances permit.

An arrangement is made by the Treasurer of the Committee to pay off the Labourers and Carmen, weekly; and a regular account will be kept of the expenditure on this head.

The Committee further apply for a warrant in favour of their Treasurer for One Thousand Dollars, on account.

Febr 1. 1808.

Jas Drake
Jacob Mott.

Warrant Nº 718. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr for $1000.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances recommended that the

Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner &c[a] Page 34 of Printed Laws, The *Law "more effectually to regulate the paving and keeping in repair the several Streets in this city, and for other purposes therein mentioned" and the †Law "to regulate the walks and paving of the Streets in the city of New York" be incorporated into One Ordinance subject to the ‡proposed amendments, which were read and approved, and

A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, for regulating, paving, keeping in repair, and preventing obstructions in the Streets of the City of New York, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was passed accordingly.

[92] The following Report was presented.

||The Committee to whom was referred the present inconvenient State of the Watch House of the Third District,

Report that they have made diligent enquiry into the same and are of opinion that the present one is illy adapted for that purpose, inasmuch as it will not afford sufficient room for the Watchmen to be comfortable. In consequence of the said inconvenience, Your Committee have fixed upon a situation, East of S[t] John's Church, which appears to them to be more eligible, as it is in the centre of the district.

Jn[o] D. Miller
Feb[y] 1[st] 1808. Thurston Wood
Ab[m] Bloodgood.

Warrant N[o] 719. Ordered that the same be confirmed, and that a warrant be issued in favour of John D. Miller Esq[r] Chairman of said Committee, to pay for the goodwill of the lease of the premises referred to in said report.

The following Report was presented.

The Canal Committee on the subject of M[r] Duggan's§ claim

Report

That they have examined his claim for ground comprehended in Canal Street, and cannot find that any cession or any [93] Act equivalent thereto has ever been executed by him. But that the proprietory right is still vested in him, and that he is entitled to compensation for the three following plots or peices of ground as laid out in a

* Marginal note reads *Page 142 Printed Vol.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *Page 14 M. S. Vol.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report of Committee.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 70.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See. P. 2.*—Ed.

certain map or chart made on the day of June 1805 by Charles Loss, and described as follows, viz. the first Plot (N° 1.) is an irregular figure, bounded on the east by a line running along Broadway and across Canal Street, from the northeast point of M^r Duggans house to the South east point of Thomas Dick's lot, on the west by a line running parallel to Broadway from the southwest point of Thomas Dick's lot to the opposite or southern side of Canal Street, and on the South, by the Southern side of Canal Street to the place of beginning. The second plot (N° 2) comprehends from the western boundary of the preceding plot a parallelogram sixty feet wide, running westerly to the boundary line of M^r Duggans property, being a part of Canal Street in its original breadth, as formerly laid out: The third Plott (N° 3.) comprehends a square peice of ground included in the contemplated widening of Canal Street, and the breadth of a strip of ground that has been called Mercer or Clermont Street.

As to M^r Duggans claim for damages which he alleges to have sustained by the direction of Canal Street having been repeatedly changed, the Committee are of opinion, that he ought not to have [94] regulated his conduct by what appeared to be only the intentions of the Corporation, But should have previously ascertained what had been really adopted, and that if he has sustained damage, either by leasing or selling lots on Streets which he presumed were contemplated, the loss is chargeable to his negligence only, without the least colour of claim on the Corporation.

The Committee further report that for the purpose of opening Canal Street, the grounds of certain other proprietors, viz^t John Jay, Peter Jay Munro, the Corporation of Trinity Church, Walter Bowne, John M^cCamman, Lewis Lorton, the heirs of Anthony Lispenard deceased, and several others will be required, and they are of opinion, that regular measures ought, without delay, to be taken for that purpose. They therefore submit to the Board the following resolution.

*Resolved that the Street Commissioner, as the Agent of this Corporation, apply to John Jay, Peter Jay Munro, the Rector and inhabitants of Trinity Church, Thomas Duggan, Walter Bowne, John M^cCamman, Lewis Lorton, the Heirs of Anthony Lispenard, and all other persons interested in any lands, through which Canal Street, when laid according to the existing resolutions of this Board, will run, and that he have power to treat, on behalf of this Board, with all such proprietors, for so much [95] of their lands respectively, as

* Marginal note reads *See P. 129. and Report P. 143.*—Ed.

may be required for the said Street, and that he report the result of such Treaty to this Board at the next meeting.

All which is humbly submitted.

Peter Mesier
John W. Mulligan
John Slidell
Thos J. Campbell
Sam. M. Hopkins.

February 1st 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from *John Holdron the present Lessee of Powles Hook Ferrey

Report

That, at as far as has come to the knowledge of your Committee, this Ferry has been conducted to the general satisfaction of the publick and the rent punctually paid. We therefore recommend that the said Ferry be leased again to Mr John Holdron from the foot of Courtland Street to Powles Hook for the term of two years and Nine months, commencing on the first day of May next at the annual rent of Twenty two hundred Dollars payable in quarterly payments, and subject to the Law for regulating Ferries passed by this Board or which may be passed during the continuance [96] of his lease.

All which is respectfully submitted

Jacob Mott
Simon Van Antwerp
Stepn Ludlam.
Ferry Commee

Febv 1st 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ann Nestell and Christian Nestell

Report

That in their opinion it will be adviseable for the Corporation to offer an Exchange of property with the petitioners agreeably to the following plan, a sketch of which is hereunto annexed.

To commence in front on Chatham Street, at the point of the ground belonging to the Corporation, adjoining the house of Michael Nestle deceased, thence running eastwardly, along said Chatham

* Marginal note reads *See P. 70.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 434.*—ED.

Street, sixteen feet: thence southwardly, fifteen feet, by a line until it intersects the present division line between the ground belonging to the Corporation and the property of the said Michael Nestle deceased, about twenty two feet from the place of beginning: thence, along the said line of division, ten feet: thence southeasterdly by a line, until it intersects the line which forms the [97] southeastwardly boundary of said Nestell's ground, about twenty four feet from the eastwardly end thereof.

And Your Committee further recommend that in case the said Petitioners shall agree to an exchange of property agreeably to the aforesaid plan, that then this Corporation should appoint a person on their part to agree and determine with a person to be appointed on the part of the said petitioners what shall be paid as an equivalent for the difference in said property.

All which is respectfully submitted

Febʸ 1st 1808. Jaˢ Drake
Stepⁿ Ludlam
Abᵐ Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*Resolved that James Townsend be and he is hereby appointed on the part of this Board, to confer and agree with a person that may be appointed on the part of the Executors of the estate of Michael Nestle deceased, agreeably to the aforesaid report, and report their agreement to this Board at the next meeting.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to which was referred the †representation of the Street Commissioner of the 21st Decr last, respecting the Reverend John Abeels proportion of the Assessments for regulating [98] Mott Street

Report that they do not deem it expedient for the Board to authorize the giving Such receipt, as is mentioned in the Street Commissioners statement, and recommend that he be directed to cause the said proportion of these assessments to be collected without delay.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Febʸ 1st 1808. John W. Mulligan
Jacob Mott.
Stepⁿ Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 130 188.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 425.*—Ed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *Abner Conklin,

Report

That the Petitioner states himself to be the Administrator of the estate of Joseph Kelly deceased, who was, together with one Magie, Contractor for digging and regulating Bullock Street. That, on conferring with the Street Commissioner, the Committee are informed that the work has been done; but from the Contract it further appears that the Contractors were to wait for payment 'till the money could be collected from the Assessment and that about [99] $495.57 is yet due, of which the Petitioner states that he has himself advanced upwards of $300.

It appears that the collection of this Street has been delayed and embarrassed by some unfortunate occurrences, which are no ways attributable to the Contractors and which in a remote degree are attributable to the persons appointed under this Board.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that even if the Assessment should not be collected, this Board ought, ultimately, to indemnify the estate of the contractors, and that for the present relief of Mr Conklin, the sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars ought to be advanced to him.

Sam. M. Hopkins
Febr 1. 1808 Stepn Ludlam
Samuel Torbert.

Warrant Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a warrant be No 720 issued in favour of Abner Conklin for $350.

The following Report was presented

*The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Palmer,

Report

That said Thomas Palmer heretofore contracted with the Street Commissioner to dig out and regulate Mott Street.

[100] That the Committee having conferred with the Street Commissioner upon the subject find that the Contract, on the part of the Corporation, was absolute as regards payment, and did not bind the Contractor to look for payment to funds arising from the Assessment. The Street Commissioner also states that the work has been

* Marginal note reads *See P. 72.*—ED.

done and that Two hundred and Sixty eight Dollars are yet due him for which sum the Committee are of opinion that a warrant ought to issue in his favour.

Sam. M. Hopkins
Step[n] Ludlam
Samuel Torbert.

Feb[y] 1. 1808.

Warrant N° 721. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a warrant be issued in favour of Thomas Palmer for $268.

The, following Report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Anne Culbert

Report

That the Petitioner represents herself as being the widow and representative of Hugh Culbert, who heretofore contracted with the Street Commissioner to dig out and regulate Mulberry Street. That on application to the Street Commissioner it appears that the work [101] has been done, but that by the contract the said contractor was to have received payment from the collection of the assessment. However, as certain unexpected difficulties, depending in some degree on the Acts of the Board or of persons appointed by them, have prevented the Collection of the money, the Committee are of opinion that the ballance claimed should be paid.

By the books of the Street Commissioner a ballance of $140 would appear due, but some payments having probably been made by the Collector without his knowledge, the actual amount due is probably no more than Fifty four Dollars, which is the sum claimed.

Sam. M. Hopkins
Step[n] Ludlam.
Samuel Torbert.

Feb[y] 1. 1808.

Warrant N° 722. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Anne Culbert for $54.

The following Report was presented.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the Petition of †Cary Ludlow, has the honor to

Report

That he believes it to be customary in Similar cases to direct payment to be made, on giving security, to refund the amount, should any other claim present [102] itself and be entitled to a preference.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 72.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 23.*—Ed.

He therefore recommends, should the Board be satisfied that Mr Ludlow's claim is well founded, a compliance with the Petition on such security being given as the Petitioner offers.

Which is submitted

Febʸ 1. 1808. S. Cowdrey.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Treasurer report the amount of money received by him of the intestate estate of Reuben Johnson deceased.

The following Communication was presented.

The enclosed Petitions from Thomas Palmer and Ann Culbert, are similar to Petitions from the same persons referred to a Committee of the Board, and all the necessary communication on these subjects has been communicated to the said *Committee by the Street Commissioner, so that it will be unnecessary for him to make a specific report upon them as the Committee will probably report this day.

The Street Commissioner avails himself however of this opportunity to communicate to the Board that he was some months since [103] directed verbally at the Board, to advertize the vacant lots, upon which assessments are due, and that he has, in part, prepared the advertisement for the prints; but as no special order appears in the minutes of the Common Council to that effect, and he has been advised that he cannot enter into any important matter wherein the Corporation are a party, without fair and explicit resolutions upon their Minutes shall warrant the Measure. He begs leave to enquire of the Board, whether he is to advertise such lots as he conceives are within the meaning of the Act, and to propose the following resolution to enable him so to do.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner take order for advertising all the vacant Lots of ground upon which assessments for regulating or paving streets have been made and the money named in the Assessments remain due and unpaid in part or the whole, agreeably to the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 1st 1808 John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Resolution therein mentioned be passed.

The following †Communication was presented.

The inclosed Petitions to regulate [104] Sullivan Street and the

* Marginal note reads *See Reports of Committee pp. 98. 100.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See further Report. P. 169.*—Ed.

Streets generally to the West of Broadway and above Canal Street, have been, sometime, in possession of the Street Commissioner, who has deferred to report upon them until some arrangement might be made with Mr Bleecker and other large Proprietors of the grounds in that vicinity.

Mr Bleecker having consented to cede the Streets through his ground and the inhabitants being extremely anxious to regulate their lots, induces the Street Commissioner to report, that no part of that large district has been regulated, except Spring Street, and that it would be improper, in his opinion, to make partial regulations, so near Canal Street, as some of the ground lies. That a general survey of the unregulated Streets north of Canal Street, as far as Art Street, is very desireable, as it will enable the several proprietors to regulate their lots, and appropriate any extra earth they may have to the best advantage. Besides these considerations, the Corporation of Trinity Church and the Heirs of Mr Lispenard are making rapid improvements upon their ground, and have applied to the Subscriber, for the heights of the intended Street, and to furnish them with data upon which they may found contracts for regulating their lots, but he has been unable to give them the necessary information.

It is always desireable to make surveys [105] and regulations previous to erecting buildings, and the enormous damages that have been done to property, in this city, by digging and filling up have arisen from the opposite practice of building first. The district spoken of is very large and contains but a few buildings, and perhaps, more than any part of the city deserves the attention of the Board in this respect. It can be surveyed to advantage now, as the Surveyors are very little employed by individuals and promise to attend punctually to any surveys required by the Corporation.

The Street Commissioner therefore recommends the propriety of employing the Surveyors to ascertain the height through these streets and proposes the following resolution to that effect.

*Resolved that the Street Commissioner take order forthwith, to ascertain by actual survey the heights of the surface of the several Streets between Canal and Art Streets and from Broadway to Varick Streets in order to fix a permanent regulation of the same; and that when the regulated lines are adopted, by the Common Council, at least one substantial mark stone or Monument shall be placed at each intersection and at the angular points where he may think necessary,

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 169.*—Ed.

particularly to designate the several heights above high water mark: and that a map and field book of the said survey be made to elucidate the said regulated lines and the [106] position and heights of the said Mark stones or Monuments.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Febʸ 1. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the resolution therein recommended be passed.

The following Report was presented.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom it was referred to take into consideration the propriety of exchanging a peice of the Corporation ground on the West side of Elm Street for another peice on the East side of the same Street,* as proposed by Messʳˢ James Morris and Henry White, have the honour to

Report,

That the ground alluded to is vacant and a small angle in Elm Street of no use in its present state being too small for a building: And that the peice of ground proposed to be given for it, is in the same situation and about the same contents, neither of which containing above 300 square feet as may appear upon an inspection of the map herewith presented.

Messʳˢ Morris and White have suggested an exchange without further conditions and the Subscribers are of opinion the Board ought to consent to it.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Febʸ 1. 1808. J. Morton
John S. Hunn.

[107] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller reported the sum of $4441. in the Treasury.

Ordered that the Comptroller prepare and present at the next meeting of this Board an Estimate of the Sum necessary to be raised by Tax to defray the current expenses of the present year.

Warrᵗ Nº 723. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles, on account of the Building Committee for $1000.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of raising sunken Lots and correcting various nuisances, from Nº 3975 to Nº 4002 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 327.*—Ed.

The following Resolution offered by Mr Bloodgood, was passed.

*Resolved that the Laws of the Legislature and that of this Corporation, as far as the same relate to the government of the Alms House, be referred to the Council and Attorney of this Board for them to report thereon, at the next meeting of this Board, that whether the now government of that Institution is fully regulated according to the Law of the Legislature, and whether there ought not to be three or more Commissioners or Overseers of the Poor to take charge of that institution.

[108] The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 7. James Norris, Cordwainer. 193. William St v. Hugh McCormick resd

19. George Aaronfred. Carman. 74. Bowery. v. Geo Hide do

32. Abraham Hennager, corner Spring & Mott v. Thos Burtis do

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay:

No 707	Beekman Van Beuren, Supt of roads	$226.12
708	Matthew Dyckman, repairs to Pumps	42.
709	Samuel Hopkins, allowe for Pump & Well corner Broome & Cannon Streets	18.
710	Amos Rooke, keeper of Signal Poles, Salary	82.50
711	William Dustan, paving intersecn Thames St	111. 4
712	Isaac Van Duzen, carting earth to Duane market	10.
713	Mark McCamman, Labor for Supt of repairs	31.
714	James Hardie, Salary &cs	66.25
715	Edward Moran, Assist to City Inspecr do	52.
716	Andrew Otterson do do	58.
717	Nicholas Welsh, for 2 Firebuckets lost	4.
718	John Bingham Esqr for Commte of ways & means	1000.
719	John D. Miller Esq Chairman Watch Commte to pay for lease of Watch house for 3d District	100.
720	Abner Conklin, Adminisr of estate of Jos. Kelly on acct of regulating Bullock Street	350.
721	Thomas Palmer, for regulating Mott Street	268.
722	Ann Culbert, widow of Hugh, do Mulberry Street	54.
723	John H. Sickles, on acct Building Committee	1000.
724.	John McKenzie, keeper of Potters field, Salary	92.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 140.*—Ed.

[109] In Common Council, February 8th 1808.

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor.

Jacob Mott James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Abraham King John D. Miller Samuel M. Hopkins Peter Mesier.	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Jasper Ward Abraham Bloodgood John W. Mulligan Samuel Torbert Simon Van Antwerp John J. Campbell John Slidell Stephen Ludlam Samuel Kip	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that

Capt. Lawrence, had suspended Noah Ross
" Peterson d° James Lefarge and
" Darling d° Peter Keslaer for sleeping on their Posts. was referred to the Watch Committee.

[110] A Petition of the inhabitants in Cornelia Streets for Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

Petitions of Paul Green, Lewis Osborn and Henry Leek to be appointed Foreman of the 2d Watch District were referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of William Gamadge to be appointed Watchman, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Colin Tolmie, Blacksmith for a share of the public work, was referred to the Committee of repairs.

*A Petition of Philip Milledoler for a water grant at Harlem, was referred to the Comptroller and the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A Petition of John Holdron, Lessee of Powles Hook ferry and David Godwin d° of Hoboken d° for the extension of their respective leases to three Years, instead of 2 years and 9 months, from the 1st day of May next, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants for a Well & Pump at the corner of Essex and Grand Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward with power to grant on the usual terms.

[111] An application in favour of granting the Lease of the Fly-market Ferry, to Stryker was referred to the Ferry Committee

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol 19. P. 210.*—Ed.

A Letter from Jacob S. Arden remonstrating against the payment of any assessment for opening Broadway, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Alderman of the 9th Ward.

*An Account presented by Robert Bogardus Esqr for Costs on a nonsuit in the cause of Peter Schermerhorn, at the suit of the Corporation, amounting to $99.87½ was referred to the Attorney.

A Plan for fortifying the Narrows by William Bridges City Surveyor, was laid before the Board and referred to the Committee of Defence.

The following Letter from Jacob Radcliff Esqr to the Mayor was presented.

New York Febr 6th 1808

Sir

An Assessment has sometime since been made under the authority of the Corporation to defray the expense of filling up the Slip at the Foot of Vesey Street. A number of the persons assessed, supposing themselves not liable to contribute to this expence applied to me as counsel on that occasion. On examining the case, and considering the object of the work and the purposes accomplished by it on the part of the Corporation I did not think the [112] persons assessed were liable, and it appeared to me also a case of considerable hardship. I then proposed to the Attorney of the Corporation to join an issue with him in any manner that should be thought best, to try the right in the easiest and most expeditious mode, to which I was informed he then agreed. Expecting to hear from him on the subject, nothing farther was done and the business slept.

The persons affected by the Assessment have again called upon me and inform me that a warrant has lately issued to levy the amount of the Assessment and their property has been taken and they are notified that it will be sold on tuesday next, if the assessment be not paid. To prevent so harsh a proceeding where the parties really suppose themselves aggrieved and have shewn every disposition to try the right, I take the liberty to state the business to you and thro' you to submit to the Corporation a renewal of the proposition to try the question in the shortest and least expensive mode of joining an issue for that purpose by the determination of which all the parties will agree to abide. If some arrangement of this kind be not made, the difference must lead to as many useless and expensive law suits

*Marginal note reads *See Report P. 168.*—Ed.

as there are individuals concerned. I cannot think but that the Board will agree to this proposition and instruct their [113] Attorney accordingly, and in that case it will be necessary to suspend the proceedings of the Officer acting under the warrant that has issued.

I am sensible that every question of this sort which can in any way affect the Police of the city is of a delicate nature and that the example, whether successful or not, may be injurious. I have therefore really wished to avoid this controversy, but I do not know that it can now be avoided. If however any method can be adopted to accommodate the business, I shall cheerfully do what I can to accomplish it.

I will thank you for an answer on Monday to the proposition of trying the right in the manner above mentioned.

I am Sir

Your m° ob. Serv^t

The Hon° Marinus Willett. Jacob Radcliff

Ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel and Attorney, with instructions to join in one Suit, as proposed, And that the Warrants to enforce payment of the Assessment, be, in the mean time, staid.

The Mayor communicated the following Letter from the Secretary of the Navy, in answer to his application respecting the support of the Seamen sent to the Navy Yard.

[114] Navy Department

Jan^y 27^th 1808.

Sir

Your Letter of the 21^st instant with its enclosure has been submitted to the President of the United States.

Consistently with existing Laws, which limit the number of Seamen to be employed, the Navy Department cannot employ or in any manner support any Seamen in addition to the number now in service.

I have the honor to be

respectfully Sir

Marinus Willett Esq Y^r mo. ob. Serv^t

Mayor of the City of R^t Smith

New York.

The Mayor mentioned that he had also received a letter from M^r N. King of the Secretary of State's department, with a demand for a drawing and specification of the Patent of Stephen Colvers Dock

Drudge ordered for the use of the Corporation which was referred to the Street Commissioner to estimate the compensation and report thereon.

The Watch Committee to whom were referred the Petitions relative to the appointment of a Foreman of the second Watch District reported in favour of Oliver Hibbard, was appointed accordingly.

[115] The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Ways & Means

Report

That by a return of Captain Chauncey it appears that 21 Seamen have been admitted at the Navy Yard from the 16th of January to the 6th inst: of whom 18 remain at the yard. 15 other Seamen have received orders for admission to this day inclusive, whose names have not been reported.

Rations.

The following is the statement of the Rations issued at the Alms House.

Monday	Feb. 1st	4117	
Wednesy	3d	4737	
Friday.	5th	5000	
Saturday.	6th	5452	
Total Rats		19.306. @ 9 cents	$1737.54
There has been administered during the same period, towards the relief of distressed families in Cash			108.96
Making an expenditure in the course of the last week of			$1846.50

In consequence of the great increase of the demand for rations, the Committee are convinced that considerable impositions are practised. With the approbation [116] of the Common Council they propose to issue rations, only twice a week, in future, and to examine into the claims and necessities of the applicants, to prevent, as far as may be possible further abuse of the public bounty.

Labour.

As before reported, a number of Labourers, amounting to 80 have been employed in removing Mud out of the Collect. As this labour is not very profitable, and as means of employment will be afforded at Governor's island the Committee have concluded that it will be best to discharge these Labourers, and have given the Street Commissioner orders accordingly.

The Committee again apply for a warrant in favour of their Treasurer, towards their expenses for $2000.

John Bingham
Feb^{y} 8th. 1808. Ja^{s} Drake
Jacob Mott.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 740. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esq for $2000.

Alderman Miller of the Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a site for An Arsenal for the State situate on the East side of Elm Street between White and Sugar Loaf Streets, together with the following draft of a Memorial to the Legislature [117] which was approved and ordered to be engrossed and the Seal of this Corporation thereunto affixed and to be forwarded to the Legislature at Albany.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened:

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Respectfully sheweth

That the Building in the city of New York belonging to the people of this State and at present occupied as an Arsenal, is, in their opinion, far from being suitable for that purpose, as it is not sufficiently extensive to contain the military stores and implements which belong to them.

That the Trustees of the Free School, for the education of such poor children as do not belong to or are not provided for by any religious Society, are in want of a Building, which should be large enough to accommodate the great and constantly increasing numbers of those for whom the benefit of their institution was intended, and that the present Arsenal would answer extremely well for that purpose.

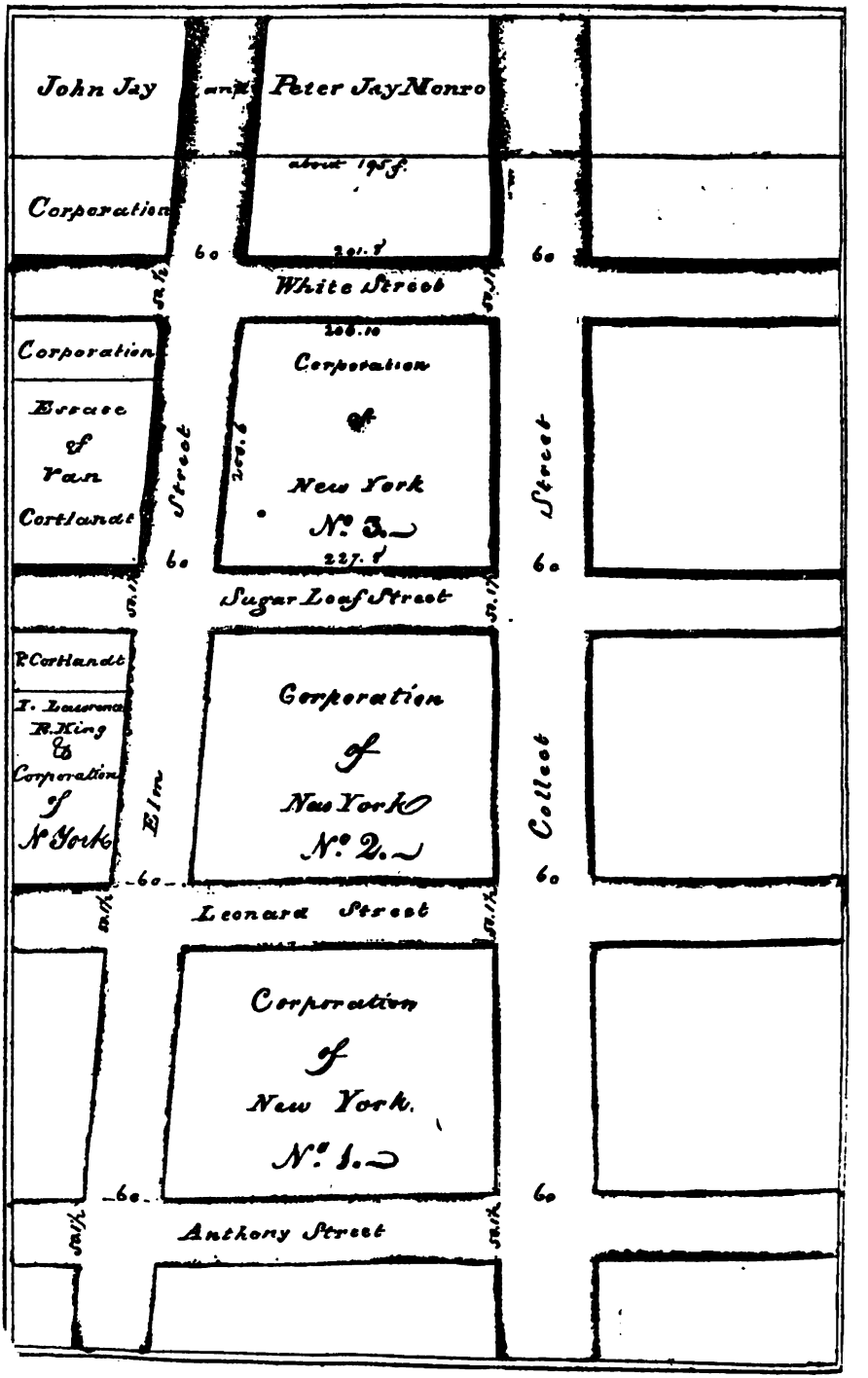
Your Memorialists further show, that they are possessed of several pieces or blocks of vacant ground between Elm and Collect Streets as designated [118] by the Numbers 1. 2 & 3. on the annexed Map, either of which would be amply sufficient for a spacious Arsenal, and they are of opinion that certain arrangements might be made with respect to the premises which would not only be highly beneficial to the State and to the Corporation of this city; but would also materially extend the usefulness of the Free school, an institution which eminently promotes the general good, in the means of

diffusing the blessings of useful Knowledge amongst those who stand most in need of it.

Your Memorialists therefore recommend to the Honorable the Legislature, the propriety of ceding to their Corporation the Building now employed by the State as an Arsenal, upon Condition that the said Building shall be occupied by the Trustees of the aforesaid School, so long as they shall use the same for the purposes of their institution, and shall also educate gratis the children belonging to the Alms House, but that in case of failure in either of these respects the said building shall revert to the Corporation.

Your Memorialists in consideration of the aforesaid cession on the part of the State, do pledge themselves to cede to the State the peice or parcel of ground designated on the said Map by N° 3. and situate between Elm and Collect Streets and from Sugar Loaf to White Streets, being a block about [119] two hundred and ten feet square, or either of the others if they should be preferred, to be appropriated by the State for the purpose of building and continuing an Arsenal thereon; but which said ground shall revert to the Corporation, whenever the State shall cease to use it for military purposes.

And Your Memorialists &c^{a}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P. Cortlandt
I. Laurens
R. King
& Corporation of N. York
Elm
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Leonard Street
Corporation of New York. No. 1.
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Anthony Street

[120] The Comptroller presented the following Report.

The Common Council having, at their last meeting, directed the Comptroller to report an estimate of the sum necessary to be raised by Tax for the expences of the city and county for the present year; he has the honor to present herewith an account of the expenditures of the last year, which, in his opinion, should form the basis of the application to the Legislature for the sum to be raised for the expences of the present year. From that statement it will appear that there was expended for county purposes		$183.180. 4
That the Tax collected amounted to		119.943.54
leaving a deficiency of		66.236.50
Which was in part provided for by the proportion of Commissions on Sales at Auction, amounting to	$24.666.87	
and received from the Excise	8.679.	
		33.345.87
Leaving still a deficit of		$29.890.63

which was supplied by a Ballance in the Treasury arising from monies borrowed from the Manhattan Company in a former year, and a further Loan in that year.

Though it is generally calculated that the City revenue will aid the Tax, yet the amount of city disbursements for the last year exceeded [121] considerably its annual revenue, and if the Building of the new City Hall is to be continued, it ought not to be counted upon in a provision for county purposes for the present year. It ought further to be observed that there will probably be a considerable deficiency in the Collection of the Tax for 1807. arising from mistakes in the Assessors and a reduction from the proceeds of the Excise of $4000. the sum granted by the Legislature to the Free School.

From the aforegoing Observations the Board will perceive, that if the amount of the Tax is alone to be relied upon for the expences of the current year, a larger sum will be necessary than that required for the last year; but as the sum to be asked for will depend upon the determination of the Common Council as to the application of the Corporation revenue, the Comptroller presumes that it would be proper in him to submit to them the Amount which they should, under all circumstances deem it expedient and prudent to require.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feb^{y} 8th 1808. J. Morton.
Compt^{r}

Estimate of the Expences and Receipts of the City and County of New York.

Lamps	$17.370.55
Watch	33.240.88
Roads	12.171.18
City Contingency	10.469.90
[122] Streets	19.921.41
Alms House	46.136.96
Wells & Pumps	8.324. 3
County Contingency	35.545.13
	183.180. 4

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By Tax	$119.943.54	
Sales at Auction	24.666.87	
Excise	8.679.	
		153.289.11
		$29.890.63

Whereupon the draft of the following Memorial was approved and ordered to be engrossed and the Seal of this Corporation thereunto affixed and to be forwarded to the Legislature at Albany.

To the Honorable the Representatives of the People of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York,

Respectfully sheweth

That Your Memorialists for the purpose of ascertaining the sum necessary to be raised for the City and County of New York, for the current year, directed the Comptroller of the Corporation to lay before them an estimate of the [123] sums requisite for those purposes, founded upon the actual expenses of the last year. This estimate, detailing the particular objects of expense, and the Sums requisite for the same, we have the honour to transmit with this Memorial. From that estimate it appears, that for the purpose of defraying the various charges of the city and county for the present year, there will be wanting the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars.

Your Memorialists would therefore respectfully solicit, that an Act may be passed, authorising the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to raise by Tax upon the estates, real and personal, of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said City the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars for the maintenance of the Poor and

for defraying the other contingent charges of the said City and County.

And Your Memorialists &c[a]

The following Report was presented.

*The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petitions of Thomas Smith and Robert Carnly praying for water grants fronting their property on the East river between the grant of Adam & Noah Brown and Romaine Street

Reports

That in his [124] opinion the prayer of the said Petitioners should be granted.

Which is submitted.

Feb[y] 8[th] 1808. J. Morton.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller reported the sum of $2542.77 in the Treasury.

The Treasurer reported that he had received $470.57 proceeds of the intestate estate of Reuben Johnson deceased for which a claim had been made by Carey Ludlow who presented a Bond of indemnity to the Corporation for the same, which was referred to the Attorney.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Gardner and others praying that measures may be taken by the Common Council to cause Corlaers Hook Street to be made to the centre of Water Street, has the honor to

Report

That he has viewed the premises alluded to in the aforesaid Petition, and finds that the proprietors of ground between Grand and Cherry Street have not, as directed by the Board [125] completed the said Corlaer's Street, but that they have done some part of the filling and are now employing carts for that purpose. That they have sunk a very extensive line of Blocks nearly five hundred feet from high water mark which will require a long time to be filled and that considering their great expense in sinking these blocks the Board ought to indulge them in an extent of time for their filling, if they should apply for such extension.

That from the conversations the Street Commissioner has had with the agents of M[r] Gardner, the principal object of their petition was to obtain the order of the Board to themselves, for filling in and making Corlaers Street to the centre of Water Street, which by the

*Marginal note reads *See. P. 71.*—Ed.

stipulations in their grants they cannot do without such particular order.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that no good reasons can at this time be presented against the wishes of the petitioners, as the claim of Mr Cunningham has been deemed to extend only to the waters edge.

The low price of labour is another reason offered for permitting the petitioners to take the earth from their hills to the low ground and that they will thereby employ many poor people.

The Street Commissioner therefore presents the draft of an Ordinance embracing, [126] as he believes, the wishes of the Petitioner, which in his opinion ought to be passed.

All which is respectfully submitted

Febv 8th 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that an Ordinance be passed in conformity.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner has again been applied to, this day, by Mr John R. Livingston to state to the Board the situation of the cellars in Anthony and Thomas Streets which are filled with water, in much greater quantities than can be discharged through the small drain which has been placed in the Streets to relieve them, and that two or three feet of water is now [in] many of the cellars in the neighbourhood.

The Street Commissioner begs leave to turn the attention of the Board to his Reports Nos 452 and 465 in possession of the Clerk, and hopes some order will be taken to afford the necessary relief to the Complainants.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Febv 8th 1808 John S. Hunn

*Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward.

[127] The Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner having been directed by the Common Council to report upon the present state of Stanton Street and the reasons why the contract for regulating it has not been completed, has the honour, in part, to Report

That the badness of the weather and the indisposition of Mr Still-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 189.*—Ed.

well, who was directed to make the necessary surveys, have been the primary reasons for presenting, at this late day, an imperfect report upon the subject.

That from the surveys that have been made it appears, that 27000 feet of earth are wanted at the lower end; that within the next 200 feet 30.000 feet are deficient; that within a space of 450 feet between Pitt Street and the Bowery 22.500 feet are wanted and that in addition to the above, 5000 feet will be required between Norfolk and Essex Streets, making a total deficiency of 84.500 Cubic feet, which, at 10 feet to the load, at 4 cents each will make $338. But it is probable that the work could not be completed by others than the Contractors for less than $450 or $500.

The Street Commissioner further reports, that Messrs Hulsart and Stagg have stated to him, that when they took Stanton Street, they also took Arundle Street, both of them at rates lower than they could be done separately as they calculated to deposit [128] the extra earth of Arundle street into Stanton Street, where it was wanted. That Mr Stuyvesant forbid them taking any of the extra earth in Arundel Street, which they had so calculated to use, and that they were therefore obliged to stop their work in both streets until this difficulty was adjusted. They further state that the ground proposed to be given to them from vacant lots on Stanton Street, has not a bank sufficient for them to work in at this season, and that they would be liable to a suit of the proprietor when he should appear. And lastly, that if the Corporation will permit them to regulate Attorney Street, to North Street, where there is a surplusage of earth, they will regulate the Street conformably to a profile for the consideration of the earth and immediately proceed to finishing Stanton Street with the same.

The Street Commissioner being well acquainted with the circumstances of the case in Arundel Street, and having failed in his exertions to prevail upon Mr Stuyvesant to permit the earth to be removed, is impressed with an opinion, that Messrs Hulsart & Stagg have not been so reprehensible as they would otherwise have been, if no such obstacle had occurred: And that if it is consistent with the authority of the Common Council, he will recommend that they be permitted to regulate Attorney Street as aforesaid for the purposes they have mentioned, or to take as much earth therefrom as will be sufficient to finish [129] Stanton Street.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 8th 1808 John S. Hunn.

*Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th. Ward, with power to reject or confirm as they on examination, may judge proper.

†The Street Commissioner reported that he had not been able, within the time limited by the Board, to see all the proprietors of Lots in Canal Street; that some of those with whom he has conversed on the subject have required a few days to give their answers, but that he expects to report fully on the subject at the next meeting.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Broadway from Great Jones to Art Street,

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Lewis Angevine to enforce payment.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating First Street, from Grand to Delancey Street, which was confirmed and William Peters was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating First Street from Delancey to Stanton Street, which was confirmed, and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

[130] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating ‡Second Street from Broome to Stanton Street, which was confirmed and ||Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector.

Agreeably to the order of the Board the City Inspector reported Ordinances for raising sunken lots in Spring, Thompson and Varick Streets, and for correcting other Nuisances, from N° 4003 to N° 4027. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

A Report from the Fire Department that the §Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 28, for two additional Members, ought to be granted

And that the ¶Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 20, for Five additional members ought not to be granted; was confirmed.

**M^r James Townsend appointed a Referree at the last meeting, to value the proposed exchange of ground in Chatham Street, with the Executors of Michael Nestle dec^d declined the appointment.

Whereupon Clarkson Crolius was appointed in his place.

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*Marginal note reads *See P. 139.*—ED. †Marginal note reads *See P. 94.*—ED. ‡Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 424.*—ED. ||Marginal note reads *See P. 362.*—ED. §Marginal note reads *See P. 72. 203.*—ED. ¶Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 421.*—ED. **Marginal note reads *See P. 97.*—ED.